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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Seated (l-r) Patrick J. McNally, Bradford R. Hill,
Standing (l-r) Eugene A. Hailson, James R. Engel (Chair),
Edward B. Rauscher

Cover: New "Quint" KME Ladder/Pumper Fire Engine

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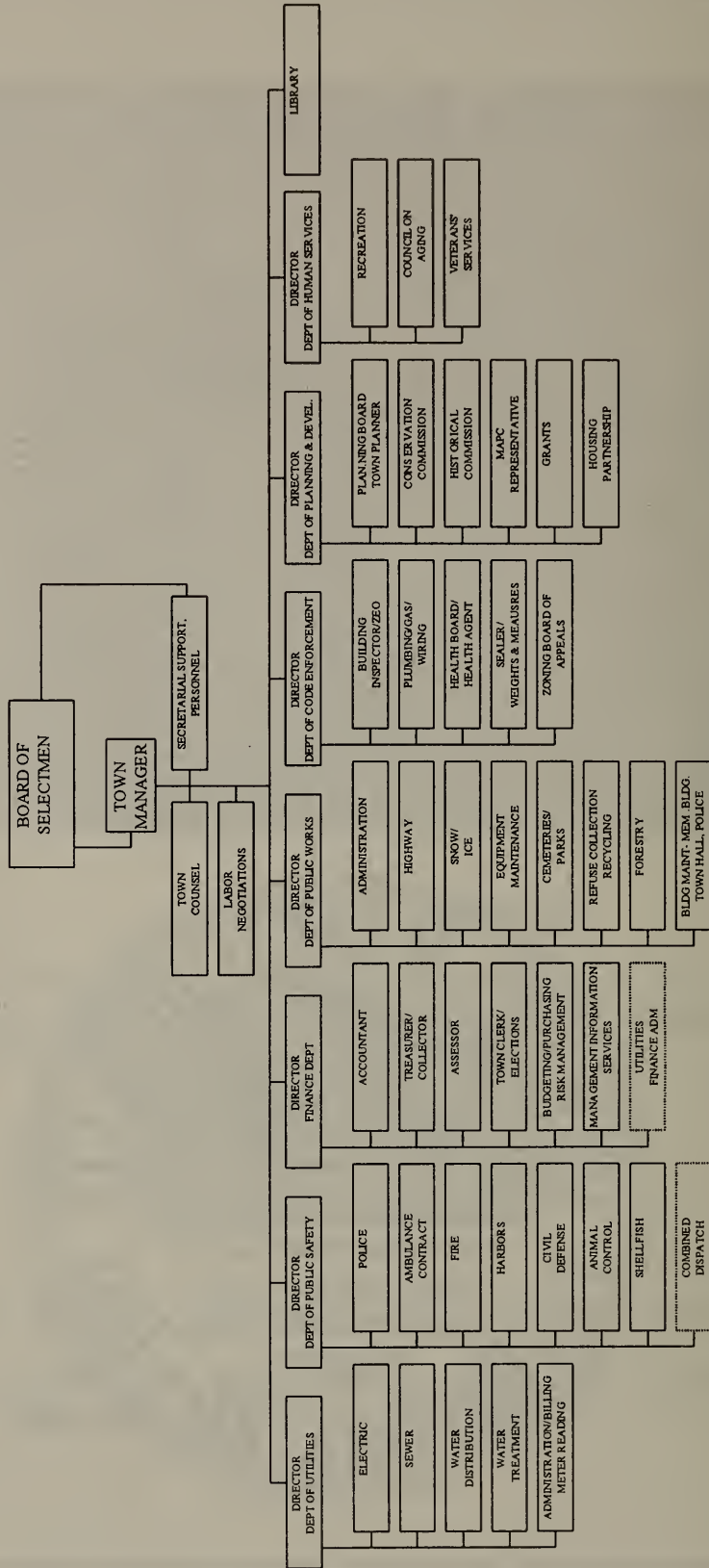
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1997



TOWN OF IPSWICH



BEACH STICKER APPLICATION

DATE _____

NAME _____

STICKER NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

VEHICLE YEAR AND MODEL _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER _____

OWNED

LEASED

COMPANY- ISSUED

Name:

Address:

REQUIREMENTS

AUTO REGISTRATION	If LEASED a copy of the lease agreement
COMPANY VEHICLE	A letter from the Company, stating the Vehicle is assigned to the applicant and said vehicle is principally garaged in Ipswich.
SUMMER RESIDENT	Applicant who owns Real Estate (or Little Neck summer camp) Your Real Estate Tax bill will be looked-up in office.
SUMMER FULL-SEASON RESIDENT (TENANT)	Copy of rental agreement or landlord's receipt of rent.
PERMANENT RESIDENT	Registration on the Town Census List. If you have not registered this year through the annual Census forms, kindly do so at the Town Clerk's Office, as this will speed-up the process of issuance. Registration does not require that you vote.

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If you wish to purchase a Beach Sticker by mail, please fill out the front of the application and return by mail to:

Treasurer/Collector
P.O. Box 608
Ipswich, MA 01938

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1997-1998 ROSTER OF TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

E	BOARD OF SELECTMEN				FINANCE COMMITTEE	
	Patrick J. McNally	1999		E2	<u>Elected At Town Meeting</u>	
	James R. Engel, Ch.	1998			James W. Foley	1999
	Eugene A. Hailson	1999			Mary Harrington	2000
	Edward B. Rauscher	1998			Marion Swan	1998
	Bradford R. Hill	2000		03	<u>Appointed By Moderator</u>	
E	SCHOOL COMMITTEE				William Craft	2000
	Jeffrey Loeb	1998			Jamie Fay	2000
	George Jewell, Ch.	1999		S	<u>Appointed By Selectmen</u>	1998
	Marlene Doyle	1999			John Bruni	1999
	Margot Sherwood	2000			Joni Soffron	2000
	Deborah Henry	2000			Raymond Morley	1998
	Norman Sheppard	1999		E	HOUSING AUTHORITY	
	Elizabeth Geanakakis	1998			Robert E. Como	2001
E	CONSTABLE				Sylvia E. Gallant	2000
	Peter Dziadose	1998			Sarah S. O'Connor	1999
E	TOWN MODERATOR				Kenneth M. Blades, Ch.	1998
	A. James Grimes III	1998			Joseph Brady (State)	2001

APPOINTED ADMINISTRATION

S	TOWN MANAGER		M1	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY/ POLICE CHIEF	
	George E. Howe			Charles D. Surpitski	
S1	FINANCE DIRECTOR/TOWN ACCOUNTANT		M1	PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	
	Donna M. Walsh			Armand T. Michaud	
S1	UTILITIES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR		M1	RECREATION DIRECTOR	
	Tim Henry			Elizabeth M. Dorman	
S1	ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT MANAGER		M	SHELLFISH CONSTABLE	
	Raymond R. Shockey			Philip A. Kent	
S1	TREASURER/COLLECTOR		7	SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	
	Virginia M. Cleary			Richard F. Thompson	
M1	ASSESSOR		M	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	
	Frank J. Ragonese			Robert R. Hyde	
M1	CODE ENFORCER/BUILDING INSPECTOR		M	WIRING INSPECTOR	
	James A. Sperber			Raymond P. Budzianowski	
M1	TOWN PLANNER		M	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	
	Glenn C. Gibbs			Harry W. Leno, Jr.	
M	FIRE CHIEF		M1	PARKING CLERK	
	Daniel J. Gaumont			William E. Handren, Jr.	
M	HARBORMASTER		M	CEMETERY/PARKS SUPERINTENDENT	
	Charles D. Surpitski			James E. Graffum	
	Charles B. Schwartz, Deputy		M	COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR	
	Michael Kenney, Assistant			Diane Mitchell	
M1	HEALTH AGENT		M	CONSERVATION AGENT	
	Domenic A. Badolato			Kathryn Campbell	
M1	LIBRARIAN		M1	TOWN COUNSEL	
	Eleanor M. Gaunt			Kopelman and Paige, P.C.	
M1	TOWN CLERK				
	Frances A. Richards				

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

M	CEMETERY & PARKS COMMISSION		
	Arthur N. Sotis, Ch	2000	
	Nicholas Markos	1999	
	Theodore LeMieux	1998	
M	CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
	David Clements, Dir	1998	
	John Clogston, Asst.	1998	
S	COMMUTER RAIL COMMITTEE		
	Dorcas Rice	1998	
	Joseph Carlin	1998	
	Kathie Arnold	1998	
	James R. Ford	1998	
	Claire Perrault	1998	
M6	CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
	Andrew Agapow, Ch	1998	
	Joseph M. Pecoraro	1998	
	Wayne M. Castonguay	1998	
	Glenn Wood	1998	
	Brandon Boyd	1998	
	William Mitchell, Jr.	1998	
	Beverly Perna	1998	
	Lillian V. North, Assoc. (1 year)		
	Michael DeRosa, Affiliate (1 year)		
S	COUNCIL ON AGING		
	Sheila Taylor, Ch.	2000	
	Mary P. Berrigan	2000	
	Jeanne N. Parker	1998	
	Marion Sokolov	1999	
	Elizabeth Nelson	1999	
	Hubert Tougas	1998	
	Frederick P. Ruzanski	1998	
S	FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE		
	George E. Howe, Dir.	1998	
	Tone Kenney	1998	
	Sara O'Connor, Ch.	1998	
M6	HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
	Mary P. Conley	2000	
	Marjorie H. Robie	1998	
	John Moss	1999	
	Robert B. Simmons, Ch.	1998	
	Peter Dziadose	1999	
	Nancy Jewell	2000	
	June Gahan	2000	
S	IPSWICH CULTURAL COUNCIL		
	Georgia Flood, Ch.	1998	
	William I. Rogers	1998	
	Diane Faissler	1998	
	Deborah Moules	1998	
	Linzee Jerrett	1998	
	Steve Smith	1999	
	Janet Taisey-Craft	1999	
S	LIBRARY TRUSTEES		
	Marion Frost	1998	
	Charles Cobb	2000	
	Donald M. Greenough	1999	
	Hubert Johnson	1999	
	Lawrence Pszeny	1999	
	Virginia Jackson, Ch.	2000	
	George R. Gray	2000	
	Philip A. Kuhn	1998	
	Elizabeth Monroe Stanton	1998	
	MAPC REPRESENTATIVE		
M	Richard J. Coyle	1999	
S	TRUST FUND COMMISSION		
	Philip Lang	2000	
	William G. Markos, Ch.	1998	
	Steven Antonakes	1999	
S	GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE		
	Charles Cobb	1998	
	Margaret Cummings	1998	
	Diane Linehan	1998	

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

03	HALL-HASKELL HOUSE COMMITTEE		M	PLANNING BOARD	
	Vivian Endicott, Treas.	1998		Wayne King	2001
	Theresa Stephens	1998		David Moynihan	1999
	Helen M. Burr	1998		Leslie Brooks, Ch	1998
	Stephanie Gaskins	1998		John Beagan	2000
	William L. Thoen	1998		Pat Hagadorn	2002
	Margaret Broekel	1998		Leo Murphy, Assoc.	1999
	Joyce Harrington	1998			
	Ed Sukach	1998	S	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	
	Jim Lahar	1998		Keith B. Hughes, Ch.	2002
	Joanne McMahon, Associate	1998		David Levesque	1998
				Arthur N. Sotis	1999
M	BOARD OF HEALTH			Lillian Grayton	2000
	Carl G. Hiltunen	1999		David Mollica	2001
	Kenneth L. Zinn, M.D.	2000		Richard Alfoni, Alternate	1998
	Susan C. Hubbard	1998		Miranda Gooding, Alternate	1998
M	RECREATION COMMISSION		03	OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE	
	Bruce Bryant	1997		James Allen	1998
	Shirley Conrad	1997		Bill Wells	1998
	Linda M. Murphy	1998		Lawrence G. Eliot	1998
	Jennifer Wile	1998		Ruth M. Sherwood	1998
	Chris Walker	1998		Jim Berry	1998
	Jane Schaller Martone	1999		Glenn Hazelton, Ch	1998
				David Standley	1998
S	REGISTRARS OF VOTERS		S	CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
	Mary Maloney	2000		George Howe (Consultant)	1998
	Edmund Traverso, Ch.	1999		J. Eric Josephson, Ch.	1998
	Phillip F. Grenier	1998		Arthur Savage	1998
M1	Frances A. Richards, Clerk				
S	SHELLFISH ADVISORY BOARD		S	COASTAL POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE	
	Bruce Adams	1998		Wayne Castonguay, Ch.	1998
	Ernest Brockelbank	1998		Haines Danforth	1998
	David Swicker	1998		Joyce Harrington	1998
	Darryl Forgione	1998		Aldyth Innis	1998
	Nicholas Vontzalides	1998		Joyce Kippin	1998
	Wayne Castonguay, Ch.	1998		Ingrid Miles	1998
	John Pelletier	1998		Paul Eby	1998
				Nancy Bentum	1998
				Michael Schaaf	1998
M	BOARD OF ASSESSORS		S	PLUM ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
	Frank J. Ragonese	1999		Thomas Dorman	1998
	John D. Heaphy	1998			
	John C. Moberger	1998			
S	WATERWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE				
	Gary J. Hamilton	1998			

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

M	IPSWICH BAY CIRCUIT COMMITTEE		S	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY	
	Lawrence G. Eliot	1997		James C. Lahar	1999
	Dennis Skillman	1997		Loretta Dietch	2000
	Barbara Carpenter	1997		George E. Howe	2001
	Mary Cunningham	1997			
	Barbara Ostberg	1997	M	CABLE E.R. ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
	Faith Evans	1997		Margaret Whittier	1997
	Patrick Glennon	1997		Elaine Lee	1997
				Clark Ziegler	1997
S	HOUSING PARTNERSHIP			James Muench	1997
	Susan Monahan	1997		Mark Coltin, Ch.	1997
	James Haskell	1997		Peter Dziadosze	1997
	Catherine Howe	1997		Charles Wayne	1997
	Rita Pelletier	1997		Charles Surpitski	1997
				G. William Brenizer	1997
S	SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE				
	James Temple, Ch.	1997		TEMPORARY SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
	Winthrop J. Snow, Jr.	1997		David Standley, Ch.	1997
	Barbara Ostberg	1997		Carl Hiltunen	1997
	Kristine Glennon	1997		James R. Engel	1997
	Cathy Col	1997		Pat Hagadorn	1997
	Elizabeth Krafchuk	1997		Carl Gardner	1997
				Andrew Brengle	1997

APPOINTMENT LEGEND

E	Elected	3	Appointed By Moderator
S	Appointed By Board of Selectmen	4	General Laws
M	Appointed By Town Manager	5	1976 STM, Article II
O	Other	6	Confirmed by Board of Selectmen
1	Supervised By Town Manager	7	Appointed by School Committee
2	Elected At Town Meeting	8	Appointed by Conservation Com.

1997 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss

To the Constable of the Town of Ipswich in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL, in said Ipswich, on MONDAY, THE SEVENTH OF APRIL, 1997, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Moderator James Grimes called the 364th Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:46 p.m. with 208 voters present. The final count was 300 at 9 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, it was moved, seconded and so voted to admit non-voters. Moderator Grimes informed the voters about town meeting procedures and the method of making an amendment to a town meeting article. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were: Bruce Bryant, Bob Comeau, Phil Stewart and Barbara Zabelski. Deborah Eliason from Kopelman and Paige was Town Counsel.

Before the official business of town meeting, outgoing Selectman Bill George (a fifteen-year veteran of the Board of Selectmen) was honored with a standing ovation of mutual appreciation. Selectmen Chairman James Engel and Finance Committee member Bill Craft praised Bill and acknowledged his many years of service to the town. State Senator Bruce Tarr delivered praise and citations from the State Senate and House of Representatives. Fire Chief Daniel Gaumont assisted Mr. Engel in presenting two books on American Fire Engines to Bill, a devotee of the fire department and a strong supporter of the public library. The books will be placed in the public library in Bill's name.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers; (2) to choose the following officers, viz: Constable for one (1) year; Moderator for one (1) year; one Selectman for three (3) years; and two members of the School Committee for three (3) years; the above officers to be voted on one ballot at the VFW Hall, County Road; on Monday, April 14, 1997; the polls shall open at 10:00 a.m. and shall close at 8:00 p.m.; (3) under the provisions of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, to adopt an order under Section 10(a) thereof proposing the following amendment to the Town Charter, subject to the approval of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 10(c) thereof, to be submitted to the voters in accordance with Section 11 thereof at that part of the next Annual Town Meeting devoted to balloting in 1997:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter (Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1966) by deleting Section 16 thereof, entitled "Board of Public Welfare"; and

(4) to act on the transfer of any surplus funds in the Electric Division, Department of Utilities; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Edward Rauscher moved that the Town vote: (1) to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers as presented in the town and school operating budgets; (2) to choose the following officers, viz: Constable for one (1) year; Moderator for one (1) year; one Selectman for three (3) years; and two members of the School Committee for three (3) years; the above officers to be voted on one ballot at the VFW Hall, County Road, on Monday, April 14, 1997; the polls shall open at 10:00 a.m. and shall close at 8:00 p.m.; (3) under the provisions of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, to adopt an order under Section 10(a) thereof proposing the following amendment to the Town Charter, subject to the approval of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 10(c) thereof, to be submitted to the voters in accordance with Section 11 thereof at the town election to be held on Monday, April 14, 1997:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter (Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1966) by deleting Section 16 thereof, entitled "Board of Public Welfare"; and

(4) to transfer the sum of \$192,250 from surplus funds in the Electric Division, Department of Utilities to offset the tax rate. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

The ballot question in the third portion of Article 1, was inadvertently left off the April 14th town election ballot. Therefore, without ballot approval, the third portion of Article 1 fails to pass.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to choose one member of the Finance Committee for three (3) years.

Finance Committee Chairman Clark Ziegler moved that the Town re-elect Mary Harrington to the Finance Committee for a term of three (3) years. Seconded.

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended the re-election of Mary Harrington, who currently serves as a member of the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to pay unpaid bills incurred in prior years and remaining unpaid; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Bill George moved that the Town vote: 1) to appropriate the sum of \$653.18 to pay the following bill incurred in prior years and remaining unpaid, viz:

Sewer:	Beverly Hospital (Ronald Chandler)	\$286.21
Schools:	Salem Hospital	154.01
	Beckwith Elevator	<u>212.96</u>
		\$653.18

and (2) to raise this appropriation, the sum of \$653.18 be transferred from free cash. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 4

To hear and act upon the report of the Finance Committee relative to the municipal budget, and to raise, appropriate, transfer money from available funds, and change the purpose of the unexpended balances of prior appropriations, all to be used for the ensuing year's operations, including the compensation of elected Town Officers; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Chairman Clark Ziegler moved that the Town vote: (1) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,782,371 for the purposes indicated in the FY98 Municipal Operating Budget as outlined in the Finance Committee Report, and the Finance Committee Supplemental Report distributed at the door to the gymnasium this evening, a copy of which is incorporated in this motion, and that

for the FY98 Municipal Operating Budget of	\$8,782,371
the town transfer from available funds:	
Free Cash	435,066
Plum Island National Wildlife Refuge In Lieu of Taxes	25,894
Wetlands Protection Fund-Conservation Commission	8,316
Overlay Surplus	<u>47,977</u>
	\$ 517,253

Leaving a net to be raised and assessed of: \$ 8,265,118.
Seconded.

Mr. Ziegler summarized the differences between the budget as printed in the Finance Committee Report and that which was presented at town meeting. The changes included (1) reallocating \$8,684 from the Reserve Fund to various salary accounts to reflect a recent wage settlement with administrative and clerical workers (AFSCME Group 1); (2) consolidating \$7,034 in accounts

PROPOSED MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR TOWN MEETING ACTION

	<u>FY95 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY96 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY97 * APPRO.</u>	<u>FY98 FIN. COMM. RECOMMEND</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT: ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL				
003 SELECTMEN:				
Salaries & Wages	\$3,417	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Expenses	7,089	9,180	5,280	5,680
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Total	10,506	13,180	9,280	9,680
005 TOWN MANAGER:				
Salaries & Wages	95,794	96,244	104,708	104,708
Expenses	10,739	7,065	9,460	11,261
Labor Consultants	49,442	25,000	25,000	20,000
Capital Outlay	2,050	3,400	19,095	0
Total	158,025	131,709	158,263	135,969
007 LEGAL:				
Town Counsel-Litigation	49,675	38,000	39,000	39,000
Town Counsel Expenses	21,680	21,680	21,000	21,000
Total	71,355	59,680	60,000	60,000
009 MODERATOR:				
Salaries & Wages	100	100	100	100
Expenses	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100
011 FINANCE COMMITTEE:				
Salaries & Wages	882	1,000	1,500	2,226
Expenses	13,662	8,675	8,675	8,675
Total	14,544	9,675	10,175	10,901
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: ADMINISTRATION & LEGAL	254,530	214,344	237,818	216,650
FINANCE DEPARTMENT				
015 ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS:				
Salaries & Wages	13,610	11,149	18,875	8,208
Expenses	5,949	7,410	9,685	8,446
Capital Outlay	29,455	0	3,360	0
Total	49,014	18,559	31,920	16,654
025 ACCOUNTANT:				
Salaries & Wages	101,155	102,716	110,948	110,948
Expenses	25,435	29,043	48,073	4,374
Capital Outlay	10,460	12,860	35,960	0
Total	137,050	144,619	194,981	115,322

	<u>FY95</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY96</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY97 *</u> <u>APPRO.</u>	<u>FY98</u> <u>FIN. COMM.</u> <u>RECOMMEND</u>
029 ASSESSORS:				
Salaries & Wages	110,322	110,830	117,649	117,649
Valuation Fee	0	3,500	3,500	3,500
Expenses	8,733	10,634	10,472	25,177
Capital Outlay	499	650	0	0
Total	119,554	125,614	131,621	146,326
033 TREASURER/COLLECTOR:				
Salaries & Wages	98,020	99,397	105,055	102,623
Expenses	21,512	31,352	25,819	25,315
Capital Outlay	0	2,400	0	1,440
Total	119,532	133,149	130,874	129,378
035 PURCHASING & BUDGET				
Salaries & Wages	26,593	26,880	29,159	28,882
Expenses	5,722	6,860	6,390	6,595
Capital Outlay	0	2,000	800	15,000
Total	32,315	35,740	36,349	50,477
037 MANAGEMENT INFO. SYSTEMS				
Salaries & Wages	0	0	0	45,000
Expenses	0	0	0	28,991
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	10,460
Total	0	0	0	84,451
039 TOWN CLERK:				
Salaries & Wages	52,883	55,101	60,364	60,364
Expenses	3,063	3,491	3,759	4,671
Capital Outlay	0	0	4,000	3,900
Total	55,946	58,592	68,123	68,935
TOTAL FINANCE DEPARTMENT	513,411	516,273	593,868	611,543
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT				
063 PLANNING BOARD:				
Salaries & Wages	53,360	54,092	72,071	72,071
Expenses	5,727	3,688	6,886	22,872
Capital Outlay	0	425	0	0
Total	59,087	58,205	78,957	94,943
064 MASTER PLAN COMMISSION:				
Salaries & Wages	902	1,019	1,000	0
Expenses	3,484	12,768	10,729	0
Total	4,386	13,787	11,729	0

	<u>FY95 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY96 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY97 * APPRO.</u>	<u>FY98 FIN. COMM. RECOMMEND</u>
065 HISTORICAL COMMISSION:				
Salaries & Wages	0	255	268	50
Expenses	1,929	2,775	2,640	2,993
Capital Outlay	0	0	4,200	0
Total	1,929	3,030	7,108	3,043
066 CONSERVATION COMMISSION:				
Salaries & Wages	11,682	15,954	16,908	22,258
Expenses	889	1,353	1,768	2,918
Capital Outlay	149	2,000	0	0
Total	12,720	19,307	18,676	25,176
TOTAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	78,122	94,329	116,470	123,162
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT				
101 POLICE:				
Salaries & Wages	1,060,455	1,118,813	1,186,100	1,249,112
Expenses	70,560	84,824	88,553	86,517
Ambulance Contract	130,999	131,000	136,277	139,541
Capital Outlay	82,944	64,801	69,547	71,947
Total	1,344,958	1,399,438	1,480,477	1,547,117
102 HARBORS:				
Salaries & Wages	4,142	4,520	4,872	4,872
Expenses	5,257	7,240	8,810	8,340
Capital Outlay	4,896	21,000	7,380	0
Total	14,295	32,760	21,062	13,212
103 FIRE:				
Salaries & Wages	730,977	788,787	871,462	872,018
Expenses	57,475	87,513	91,998	106,881
Capital Outlay	25,949	40,500	105,531	104,939
Total	814,401	916,800	1,068,991	1,083,838
112 SHELLFISH:				
Salaries & Wages	32,855	34,150	35,944	35,944
Expenses	2,855	3,495	3,645	4,825
Capital Outlay	18,877	3,000	0	0
Total	54,587	40,645	39,589	40,769

	<u>FY95</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY96</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY97 *</u> <u>APPRO.</u>	<u>FY98</u> <u>FIN. COMM.</u> <u>RECOMMEND</u>
114 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:				
Salaries & Wages	2,983	3,200	3,200	3,200
Expenses	2,177	3,840	2,840	1,740
Capital Outlay	0	1,500	0	0
Total	5,160	8,540	6,040	4,940
116 ANIMAL CONTROL:				
Salaries & Wages	27,266	29,050	30,038	30,054
Expenses	4,823	6,523	7,500	7,527
Capital Outlay	950	1,400	14,750	3,500
Total	33,039	36,973	52,288	41,081
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT.	2,266,440	2,435,156	2,668,447	2,730,957
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT				
301 ADMINISTRATION:				
Salaries & Wages	69,477	70,275	76,688	77,738
Expenses	2,552	2,817	3,048	3,655
Capital Outlay	0	0	275	0
Total	72,029	73,092	80,011	81,393
303 HIGHWAY:				
Salaries & Wages	228,195	232,810	249,977	255,569
Expenses	129,018	173,116	174,572	184,937
Road Treatment	185,682	205,000	323,331	268,710
Capital Outlay	66,617	79,800	160,875	175,000
Total	609,512	690,726	908,755	884,216
109 FORESTRY:				
Salaries & Wages	52,886	56,372	61,766	61,766
Expenses	9,964	11,268	18,724	15,131
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Total	62,850	67,640	80,490	76,897
305 SNOW & ICE CONTROL:				
Expenses	109,187	130,323	130,323	130,323

	<u>FY95</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY96</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY97 *</u> <u>APPRO.</u>	<u>FY98</u> <u>FIN. COMM.</u> <u>RECOMMEND</u>
309 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:				
Salaries & Wages	33,405	34,092	36,688	36,688
Expenses	44,051	48,038	49,537	57,592
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	1,000
Total	77,456	82,130	86,225	95,280
403 SANITATION CONTRACT:				
Sanitation Composite Contract	479,791	525,204	477,134	505,707
Expenses	373	3,500	3,500	3,500
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Total	480,164	528,704	480,634	509,207
405 SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION:				
Salaries & Wages	27,969	28,570	33,570	31,930
Expenses	2,804	7,632	8,516	7,193
Capital Outlay	3,682	1,000	0	1,000
Total	34,455	37,202	42,086	40,123
407 TOWN HALL & ANNEX:				
Salaries & Wages	24,622	26,133	28,015	28,015
Expenses	26,044	30,573	32,833	34,580
Capital Outlay	8,610	8,940	7,240	3,350
Total	59,276	65,646	68,088	65,945
410 CEMETERIES, PARKS & BUILDING MAINTENANCE:				
Salaries & Wages	201,570	213,368	233,924	234,522
Expenses	33,697	36,346	37,431	40,190
Road Treatment	0	0	9,000	3,000
Capital Outlay	18,421	20,400	15,500	6,500
Total	253,688	270,114	295,855	284,212
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEP'T.	1,758,617	1,945,577	2,172,467	2,167,596
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT				
650 SEWER:				
Salaries & Wages	181,149	185,930	228,095	241,471
Expenses	267,864	288,853	341,049	453,276
Capital Outlay	0	5,000	44,000	0
Total	449,013	479,783	613,144	694,747
TOTAL UTILITIES DEPARTMENT	449,013	479,783	613,144	694,747

	<u>FY95 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY96 EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY97 * APPRO.</u>	<u>FY98 FIN. COMM. RECOMMEND</u>
CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT				
490 BUILDING INSPECTION:				
Salaries & Wages	63,903	62,922	65,951	68,451
Expenses	3,855	5,276	5,608	5,956
Capital Outlay	0	2,400	0	2,000
Total	67,758	70,598	71,559	76,407
061 APPEALS BOARD:				
Salaries & Wages	2,425	3,055	5,729	7,944
Expenses	1,161	1,520	1,760	1,760
Capital Outlay	0	150	0	0
Total	3,586	4,725	7,489	9,704
501 HEALTH:				
Salaries & Wages	53,426	53,837	57,199	57,199
Expenses	10,717	18,333	26,133	25,833
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	1,000
Total	64,143	72,170	83,332	84,032
502 HEALTH CONTRACTS:				
Expenses	147,836	151,960	153,077	214,528
Consultants	1,872	3,000	4,000	4,000
Total	149,708	154,960	157,077	218,528
TOTAL CODE ENFORCEMENT	285,195	302,453	319,457	388,671
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT				
520 RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICES:				
Salaries & Wages	71,942	74,121	78,411	85,221
Expenses	20,586	18,488	19,847	27,699
Capital Outlay	9,674	2,000	1,450	15,500
Total	102,202	94,609	99,708	128,420
531 COUNCIL ON AGING:				
Salaries & Wages	26,626	26,949	37,720	38,480
Expenses	19,939	21,113	20,604	22,525
Capital Outlay	0	1,430	0	0
Total	46,565	49,492	58,324	61,005
551 VETERANS' BENEFITS:				
Expenses	17,371	65,000	45,000	25,000
Total	17,371	65,000	45,000	25,000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES DEP'T.	166,138	209,101	203,032	214,425

	<u>FY95</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY96</u> <u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>FY97 *</u> <u>APPRO.</u>	<u>FY98</u> <u>FIN. COMM.</u> <u>RECOMMEND</u>
LIBRARY				
601 LIBRARY:				
Salaries & Wages	196,518	197,372	218,006	221,441
Expenses	86,451	90,273	95,870	103,439
Capital Outlay	2,485	5,480	3,800	5,500
TOTAL LIBRARY DEPT	285,454	293,125	317,676	330,380
UNCLASSIFIED				
013 RESERVE FUND:(Transfers dispersed into appropriate budgets in prior years)	0	0	12,958	80,000
071 BENEFITS:				
Military Service Credits				
County Retirement System				
Health & Life				
Medicare				
Consolidated Benefits	681,850	706,629	753,600	791,105
TOTAL BENEFITS	681,850	706,629	753,600	791,105
081 INSURANCE:	90,114	166,985	160,455	159,968
091 OFFICE SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT:				
Expenses	61,294	102,800	146,435	92,400
091 SALARY TRANSFER ACCOUNT: **	0	50,641	17	87,000
701 DEBT SERVICE:				
Payment of Principal	0	0	0	83,767
Payment of Interest	0	0	0	0
Interest on Tax Ant. Notes	4,150	9,167	10,000	10,000
Total	4,150	9,167	10,000	93,767
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED:	837,408	1,036,222	1,083,465	1,304,240
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	\$6,894,328	\$7,526,363	\$8,325,844	\$8,782,371

* Note: FY '97 reflects Reserve Fund transfers through November 26, 1996.

** Represents allowance for salary/wage increases; appropriations approved in prior years have been dispersed into individual department budgets.

NOTE: As of the printing deadline for this report, the Board of Selectmen was recommending a municipal budget which is \$94,518 higher than the amount voted by the Finance Committee. The Town's bylaws require that any differences between the Selectmen and the Finance Committee be itemized and presented to the voters. If any differences remain, an itemized list of the differences between the FinCom's and the Selectmen's budget recommendations will be distributed at the Annual Town Meeting on the evening of April 07, 1997.

**TOWN OF IPSWICH
IPSWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY1998**

INTRODUCTION: Action by the Annual Town Meeting, Monday, April 7, 1997 will establish the total amount of money to be set aside for schools. Once this budget total is established, the School Committee, by statute, has fiscal autonomy and may use the funds in the best interest of the schools. The Town of Ipswich School Budget, which follows, represents the School Committee's best estimate of the way funds voted at Town meeting will be deployed.

		SELECTED BUDGET ITEMS		
		FY96 Actual	FY97 Budgeted	FY98 Proposed
DOYON SCHOOL	Building = 50,500 SF Teaching Stations = 34 Students = 505			
216 Linebrook Rd.				
Personnel				
Teachers		1,275,246	1,379,466	1,521,767
Support		307,072	344,617	370,303
Instructional Expenses				
Regular Program		64,106	66,425	41,574
SPED		58,699	80,272	85,210
Art/Music		3,392	4,283	3,904
Phys. Ed		1,027	1,223	920
Non-Instructional		97,012	95,838	113,688
Capital		18,372	3,300	7,000
SUBTOTAL		\$1,824,926	\$1,975,424	\$2,144,366
WINTHROP SCHOOL	Building 38,750SF Teaching Stations = 31 Students = 507			
65 Central St.				
Personnel				
Teachers		1,243,522	1,367,222	1,480,069
Support		300,037	322,512	381,762
Instructional Expenses				
Regular Program		76,123	110,966	99,760
SPED		35,408	66,640	58,851
Art/Music		5,685	7,666	10,532
Phys. Ed		988	1,325	1,365
Non-Instructional		120,189	123,665	121,316
Capital		999	6,500	6,000
SUBTOTAL		\$1,782,951	\$2,006,496	\$2,159,655
MIDDLE SCHOOL	Building = 54,200 SF Teaching Stations = 27 Students = 428			
23 Green Street				
Personnel				
Teachers		1,309,496	1,391,201	1,522,132
Support		296,343	287,498	318,780
Instructional Expenses				
Regular Program		49,128	115,361	58,696
SPED		25,045	40,174	44,843

Art/Music	11,111	12,449	18,144
Phys. Ed	2,268	3,915	1,674
Technical Ed	7,240	4,622	5,709
Non-Instructional	125,344	143,159	146,734
Capital	4,546	12,500	84,000
SUBTOTAL	\$1,830,521	\$2,010,879	\$2,200,712

HIGH SCHOOL
136 High St.

Building - 63,000 SF Teaching Stations - 34 Students = 426

Personnel			
Teachers	1,731,117	1,803,873	1,938,403
Support	363,701	389,388	403,103
Instructional Expenses			
Regular Program	121,028	125,354	108,245
SPED	70,838	107,252	185,212
Art/Music	16,159	21,510	24,410
Phys. Ed	2,183	4,159	4,159
Technical Ed	6,252	6,005	5,230
Non-Instructional	205,404	205,051	222,844
Capital	6,910	26,634	0
SUBTOTAL	\$2,523,592	\$2,689,226	\$2,891,606

CENTRAL OFFICE

Building 2,576 sq. ft.

One Lord Square

Support Staff

SUBTOTAL	\$587,092	\$602,620	\$633,880
Curriculum(Stipends)			
CQI	8,210	6,600	6,600
Music	6,950	6,600	6,600
Math	6,470	6,600	6,600
Science	6,600	6,600	6,600
Social Studies	660	6,600	6,600
Communications	0	6,600	6,600
Instructional Expenses	25,722	31,812	26,100
Non-Instructional Expenses	166,293	220,410	223,335
Capital	197,378	191,607	182,655
SUBTOTAL	\$418,283	\$483,429	\$471,690

ALL DISTRICT ITEMS

Transportation:

SPED	23,562	47,350	87,550
Regular	306,815	311,900	317,836
Employee Benefits	667,079	743,604	771,401
Bldgs & Grounds Maint	39,119	46,496	35,700
SUBTOTAL	\$1,036,575	\$1,149,350	\$1,212,487

TOTALS

\$10,003,940 \$10,917,424 \$11,714,396

* All District Staff Distributed to Schools

for expenses within the Finance and Planning and Community Development Departments; (3) reallocating \$9,942 from the insurance account to the Historical Commission and Town Hall accounts to make additional repairs to the Hall-Haskell house (matched by private donations) and to repair the front steps at Town Hall; and, (4) correcting the presentation of interest costs relating to the library addition. These changes represent a reallocation of funds between accounts. They do not increase the total municipal budget recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended the municipal budget of \$8,782,371 as presented in the Finance Committee's Annual Report with the changes noted above. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 5

To hear and act upon the reports of the Finance Committee and of the School Committee relative to the School Department budget and to raise, appropriate, transfer money from available funds, and change the purpose of the unexpended balances of prior appropriations, all to be used for the ensuing year's operations; or to take any other action relative thereto.

School Committee Chairman George Jewell moved that the Town vote: (1) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,714,396 for the School Department budget for FY98 and

for the FY98 School Department Budget of	\$11,714,396
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(2) to transfer from available funds:

Free Cash:	435,067
Plum Island National Wildlife Refuge	
In Lieu of Taxes	25,894
Overlay Surplus	<u>47,977</u>
	508,938

Leaving a subtotal (for the school operating budget) net to be raised and assessed of:	\$11,205,458;
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(3) to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$480,000 for debt service payments for the new school construction project authorized under Article 11 of the warrant for the October 17, 1996, Special Town Meeting:

bringing the total for the FY98 school department budget to:	\$12,194,396
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and leaving a new total for the school budget net to be raised and assessed of:	\$11,685,458;
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and

(4) to authorize the school committee to enter

into a multi-year lease contract or contracts for portable classrooms. Seconded.

Mr. Jewell explained the increases in the school budget using charts and diagrams on the screen above the podium. The charts illustrated increased student enrollment and the additional costs for the state-mandated special education program. He revealed two additional items (3 & 4) in this year's school budget for debt service costs associated with the school building project and contracts for portable classrooms.

The School Committee unanimously recommended a school operating budget of \$11,714,396, and a school construction budget of \$480,000. The Finance Committee voted 8 in favor, one opposed. Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended. Harold Jillson questioned the Plum Island Fund which was explained by Town Manager George Howe. Motion carried by simple majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the Town's share of the ensuing year's annual operating and debt service expenses of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman/Ipswich Whittier Representative Eugene Hailson moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,223 for the Town's share of the FY98 annual operating, capital, and debt service expenses of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District. Seconded.

Mr. Hailson reported that our day school enrollment at the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School has increased this year from thirteen to eighteen students.

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by simple majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the ensuing year's expenses of the Water Division, Department of Utilities, said sum to be offset by revenues of the Water Division during FY98; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman James Engel moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,232,657 for the FY98 operating, debt service, and capital expenses of the Water Division, Department of Utilities, said sum to be offset by revenues from the water division during FY98. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended.
Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund supplements to the FY97 Municipal Operating Budget and/or the FY97 School Department Operating Budget; and (2) to amend its action taken under Article 5 of the April 1, 1996, Annual Town Meeting (the FY97 Municipal Operating Budget), by transferring sums of money between departmental accounts, and/or by consolidating categories within departmental accounts, the total appropriation to remain the same as previously appropriated as a result of these transfers and/or consolidations; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Pat McNally moved that the Town vote: 1) to amend its action taken under Article 4 of the April 1, 1996, Annual Town Meeting (the FY97 Municipal Operating Budget) by transferring sums in the following previously-appropriated categories, as indicated:

From: Miscellaneous Finance (Insurance)	\$29,200
To: Reserve Fund	29,200
From: Miscellaneous Finance (Salaries)	11,200
To: MIS Department (Expenses)	11,200

the appropriation to remain the same as originally appropriated under said Article 4; and

2) to amend its action taken under Article 5 of the April 1, 1996, Annual Town Meeting (the FY97 School Operating Budget) by appropriating an additional \$28,480, so that the FY97 school budget, as amended, shall total \$10,945,904, and to raise said additional appropriation by transferring \$28,480 from free cash. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen recommended 4 in favor, one opposed; Finance Committee and School Committee unanimously in favor. Motion carried by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to appropriate a sum of money to survey, design, and undertake repairs to roads and bridges under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto; (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire easements in conjunction therewith by purchase, gift, lease, eminent domain, or otherwise; (3) in furtherance of the project(s) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any

federal, state and/or private grants without further appropriation thereof; and (4) to determine whether said appropriation shall be raised by taxes, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Bill George moved that the Town vote: (1) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$329,026 to engage engineering services and to acquire any related materiel and/or services for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges under Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as amended; and (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without further appropriation any federal and/or state grants which may be available for the aforementioned purposes. Seconded.

Mr. George informed voters that this year's allotment for road work under Chapter 90 will be used for reclamation and resurfacing of the balance of Pineswamp Road, Rocky Hill Road and Labor-in-Vain Road and resurfacing of a portion of Town Farm Road.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to appropriate a sum of money for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to the wastewater treatment plant, in accordance with the terms and conditions of our permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, and to obtain materiel and services incidental thereto, as encompassed and defined in section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as amended; (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state, and/or private grants, loans, or gifts without further appropriation thereof; and (3) to determine whether said appropriation shall be raised by taxes, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman James Engel moved that the Town vote:

(1) to appropriate the sum of \$2,000,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to the wastewater treatment plant, in accordance with the terms and conditions of our permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, and to obtain materiel and services incidental thereto, as encompassed and defined in section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as amended;

(2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state, and/or private grants, loans, or gifts without further appropriation thereof;

(3) to raise said appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), as amended, and/or to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (hereinafter "the Trust") established pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as amended, and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and

(4) to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project, and to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

The question to appear on the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall the Town approve the appropriation voted under Article 10 of the Warrant for the April 7, 1997, Annual Town Meeting for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to the wastewater treatment plant, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Town's permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, and obtain materiel and services incidental thereto; (2) to raise this appropriation, shall the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7 (3), as amended, and/or to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as amended and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; (3) to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project, and to take any other action necessary to carry out this project?

Yes /___/ No /___/" Seconded.

Mr. Engel gave a full explanation of the proposed renovations to the wastewater treatment plant, to comply with state regulations. He said passage of this article at town meeting and on the ballot has no impact in fiscal year 1998. In subsequent years, sewer rates will cover the cost of the debt service.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. On a hand count with 275 in favor and 3 against, the motion carried by more than two-thirds vote. (2/3 majority needed on town meeting floor and simple majority on the ballot)

At the Annual Town Election on Monday, April 14, 1997, the ballot question passed with a vote of 1,298 for and 495 against.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to design and construct an addition to the water filtration facility for water division vehicle storage and maintenance, a repair shop, office and meeting room space; and to raise this appropriation by transferring monies from available funds; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman James Engel moved that the Town vote: (1) to appropriate the sum of \$270,000 to design and construct an addition to the water filtration facility for water division vehicle storage and maintenance, a repair shop, office and meeting room space; (2) to raise this appropriation by transferring \$270,000 from water surplus. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new combination fire pumper and ladder truck, and to obtain all materiel and services incidental thereto; (2) to raise this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or serial notes therefor; and (3) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without further appropriation any federal and/or state grants which may be available for the aforementioned purposes; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Bill George moved that the Town vote: (1) to appropriate the sum of \$475,000 to purchase a new combination fire pumper and ladder truck and to obtain all materiel and services incidental thereto; (2) to raise this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or serial notes therefor, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 7 clause (9). Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. On a hand count with 281 in favor and 8 against, the motion carried by more than two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to raise and appropriate a sum of money to design and construct an addition to the Central Fire Station to house the new combination fire pumper and ladder truck authorized to be purchased pursuant to Article 12 of the warrant

for the April 7, 1997, Annual Town Meeting, to purchase tools and equipment to outfit said pumper and ladder truck, and to obtain all materiel and services incidental thereto; and (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without further appropriation any federal and/or state grants which may be available for the aforementioned purposes; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Bill George moved that the Town vote: (1) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,000 to design and construct an addition to the Central Fire Station to house the new combination fire pumper and ladder truck authorized to be purchased pursuant to Article 12 of the warrant for the April 7, 1997, Annual Town Meeting, to purchase tools and equipment to outfit said pumper and ladder truck, and to obtain all materiel and services incidental thereto; and (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without further appropriation any federal and/or state grants which may be available for the aforementioned purposes. Seconded.

Mr. George spoke in favor of the \$88,000 appropriation; \$70,000 for the addition to the rear of the existing Fire Station and \$18,000 for tools and essential equipment to outfit the new ladder/pumper truck.

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Historical Commission unanimously recommended.

Public Safety Director Charles Surpitski responded to questions from Ken Savoie, Coco McCabe and Frieda Arkin about existing buildings, future building sites, public safety issues, impact on parking and future repairs. He said that they had looked at all the options; buildings that could be moved and a site for a new fire station. He assured the voters that the addition to the rear of the fire station would blend in with the present fire station. Public safety and the parking situation have been worked out with the School Department.

Motion carried by simple majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Ipswich, CHAPTER XV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, by adding a new Section 17:

"Section 17. Maintenance and Repair of Private Ways

(a) When required by public necessity and/or in the interest of public safety, the following types of maintenance and repairs may be performed on approved private ways at a time and in a manner approved by the Board of Selectmen:

- (1) Grading, including the furnishing of gravel, fill, or

other materials as required properly to repair the roadway surface;

(2) Maintenance, repair, or replacement of drainage systems, including piping, culverts, catchbasins, and other drainage structures;

(3) Patching of potholes and heaved areas;

(4) Crack sealing as required to preserve the integrity of the roadway surface.

(b) In addition, such maintenance and repairs may be undertaken upon receipt of a petition signed by the owners of abutting land whose frontage collectively represents a minimum of fifty-one (51%) percent of the total frontage of the private way. Any maintenance and repair project subject to betterment shall have betterments assessed to all abutting properties within a range of not less than one-third nor greater than three-fourths of the total project costs.

(c) The annual expenditure of town funds on any individual private way for the above-listed maintenance and repairs shall not exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars per mile or any portion thereof for labor and materials. In the event that maintenance and repairs in excess of this amount shall be required, betterment charges shall be assessed to all abutters.

(d) A cash deposit shall not be required prior to undertaking maintenance and repairs subject to betterment under this section.

(e) Neither the town nor its officers or employees shall be liable on account of any damages resulting from such maintenance and repairs having been undertaken.

(f) Private ways subject to the provisions of this Section shall have been opened to public use for six years or more. A complete list of all private ways to which this Section applies shall be compiled by the Town Manager or his designee, which list shall be subject to review and approval by the Board of Selectmen within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of adoption of this by-law and thereafter reviewed annually.

(g) The Board of Selectmen may adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this by-law."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Pat McNally moved that the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 14 of the warrant for the April 7, 1997, Annual Town Meeting. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to appropriate a sum of money to survey, design, repair and/or reconstruct unaccepted streets in the Town of Ipswich, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto; (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without further appropriation any federal, state and/or private grants or gifts which may be available for the aforementioned purposes; (3) to raise this appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or serial notes; and (4) to determine if said appropriation shall be contingent upon the passage of a ballot referendum question(s) exempting from the levy limit provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, for said purposes under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(k) and Section 21C(m); or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Pat McNally moved that action on this article be postponed indefinitely. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended indefinite postponement. Motion carried unanimously.

The following question which appeared on the April 14th Annual Election ballot (and at the end of this warrant) was moot since the voters at town meeting indefinitely postponed action on Article 15:

"Shall the Town of Ipswich be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to survey, design, repair and/or reconstruct unaccepted streets in the Town of Ipswich, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto?
Yes /___/ No /___/".

ARTICLE 16

To hear and act on the reports of the Committees and to continue such Committees as the Town may vote to continue.

Terri Stephens read the report on the Hall-Haskell House and moved the committee be continued. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved, seconded and so voted to continue the Master Plan Commission.

It was moved, seconded and so voted to continue the Historic District Study Committee.

Dorcas Rice read her dramatic Commuter Rail Report and moved to continue the Commuter Rail Committee for another year. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

David Standley moved to continue the Open Space Committee. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

David Standley moved that the final report of the Interim Sewer Study Committee be accepted and that said committee be dissolved. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Blaine Hebbel moved to continue the School Building Needs Committee. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Seidler read the report of the Ipswich School Building Committee and moved to continue the School Building Committee. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Ipswich, ARTICLE XV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, Section 5 Dog Control by re-lettering subsections "(b)" through "(h)" as "(c)" through "(i)" and by inserting a new subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Dog Fouling

1. Duty to Dispose. It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses, or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any sidewalk, street, or other public area. It shall further be the duty of each person who owns, possesses, or controls a dog to remove and dispose any feces left by his/her dog on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person.

2. Duty to Possess Means of Removal. No person who owns, possesses or controls such dog shall appear with such dog on any sidewalk, street, park, or other public area without the means of removal of any feces left by such dog. Furthermore, no person who owns, possesses or controls such dog shall appear on any private property neither owned nor occupied by said person without the means of removal of any feces left by such dog. Disposal in Town trash barrels or bins or in the storm drains is prohibited.

3. Method of Removal and Disposal. For the purposes of this subsection, the means of removal shall be any tool, implement, or other device carried for the purpose of picking up and containing such feces, unexposed to said person or to the general public. Disposal shall be accomplished by transporting such feces to a place suitable and regularly reserved for the disposal of canine feces, or as otherwise designated as appropriate by the agent of the Board of Health.

4. Fines for Violation. Violation of this By-law shall be punished by a fine of Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars for the first offense in any calendar year, and Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for any subsequent offense within the same calendar year.

5. Enforcement. Violations of this subsection shall be enforced in accordance with all other applicable laws governing municipal bylaws; however, at the option of the enforcing person, violations may be enforced non-criminally pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D, rather than by a criminal complaint in District Court."; or to take any other action relative thereto. Coastal Pollution Control Committee Chairman Wayne Castonguay moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Ipswich, ARTICLE XV MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY, Section 5 Dog Control by re-lettering subsections "(b)" through "(h)" as "(c)" through "(i)" and by inserting a new subsection (b) as follows:

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4. The provisions of this subsection (b) shall not apply to a physically handicapped person in sole custody or control of a dog.

5. Penalties for Violation. An initial violation of this subsection (b) shall be punished by a written warning, the calendar year notwithstanding. After issuance of said warning, subsequent violations shall be punished by a fine of ten (\$10.00) for the first such offense in any calendar year; a fine of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for a second such offense in any calendar year; and a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for any third or subsequent such offense in any calendar year.

6. Enforcement. Violations of this subsection shall be

enforced in accordance with all other applicable laws governing municipal by-laws; however, at the option of the enforcing person, violations may be enforced non-criminally pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D, rather than by a criminal complaint in District Court.

7. The Town Clerk shall provide a copy of this subsection (b) to each dog owner when said owner licenses his/her dog." Seconded.

Board of Selectmen voted four to one in favor and the Finance Committee unanimously recommended.

Wayne Castonguay, disguised in baseball cap, false nose and glasses demonstrated the proper way to handle and dispose of the dog feces. He said that pet's droppings are the biggest cause of pollution in local clam flats and foul town streets and beaches. Finance Committee member Joni Soffron also demonstrated her method of disposal using two plastic sandwich baggies. Dorcas Rice of Heartbreak Road read an original poem from a family member ("Elvis") supporting this article.

Motion carried by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to accept Ashley Lane as a town street as shown on the "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Owner: A.C. Builders, scale: 1" to 40 feet, dated July 15, 1993, and revised on September 16, October 14, and November 12, 1993," prepared and stamped by Peter J. Ogren, registered professional land surveyor and professional engineer, and recorded at the ESSEX South District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 287, Plan 32, a copy of which plan is on file in the office of the Town Clerk (hereinafter "Ashley Lane"); and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town; and (2) to accept the gift of certain easements as shown on the aforementioned plan of Ashley Lane. Said easements are further described as follows:

a. a perpetual drainage easement over Lot 1 as shown on the aforesaid plan; said perpetual drainage easement shall be for the purposes of inspecting, maintaining, installing, and/or making emergency repairs to all municipal drainage facilities; and

b. a perpetual 20 foot wide utility easement over Lots 4 and 5 as shown on the aforesaid plan; said perpetual easement shall be for the purposes of inspecting, maintaining, installing, operating and/or making emergency repairs to water mains and lines and drains with manholes, pipes, conduits, and other appurtenances thereto located within the easement area; or to take any other action thereto.

Planning Board Chairman Leslie Brooks moved that action on this article be postponed indefinitely. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously agreed to indefinitely postpone this article. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by:

(1) amending SECTION IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS by adding the following subsection:

"SECTION F. WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

A. Purpose

The Town adopts this bylaw for the following reasons:

There have been significant changes in the past year in the federal law reaffirming municipal authority over "decisions regarding the placement, construction, and modifications of personal wireless service facilities" because of the enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by United States Congress; and

There have been changes in the state law regulating the zoning of wireless communications facilities because of the decision of the Department of Public Utilities in the Nextel/Town of Sterling case; and

The telecommunications field is experiencing rapidly evolving technology which offers alternatives to towers such as placement of antennas on buildings and water tanks; and

The Town has a limited number of potential sites which would be acceptable for the installation of wireless communications facilities; and

The Town seeks to minimize the adverse impacts of cellular towers, satellite dishes, and antennas on adjacent properties and residential districts; and

The Town of Ipswich has formed a Wireless Communications Committee charged with the task of recommending a zoning by-law amendment to the Planning Board regarding the siting of wireless communications facilities in the Town; and

The Wireless Communications Committee must review the changes in the law, published reports which demonstrate which designs are preferable, and reports regarding the feasibility of co-locations; and must then devise an orderly process for granting permits and draft a recommended by-law which is comprehensive, practical, equitable, encourages co-location, minimizes the number, height and size of facilities and addresses the concerns of the Town and wireless telecommunication providers; and

The moratorium will permit the Town an opportunity to act carefully in a field with rapidly evolving technology and to promulgate reasonable regulations.

B. Moratorium

No commercial wireless communications facilities, including but not limited to towers and antennas, shall be constructed, placed or modified in the Town of Ipswich, nor shall a permit for said construction, placement or modification be issued for a period of six months from the effective date of this By-law. This By-law does not apply to the construction or use of facilities by a federally licensed amateur radio operator as protected by MGL C. 40A, Section 3, nor to television antennas which are accessory to a residential use.

If any section of this by-law or portion thereof is declared invalid it shall not affect the validity or application of the remainder of the by-law. If the six month moratorium period established hereby is determined by an authority or court of competent jurisdiction to be longer than allowed under law, the moratorium period shall be for the longest period of time allowed by law, but in no event less than three months."; and

(2) amending SECTION III. DEFINITIONS by adding, in its proper alphabetical sequence, the following definition:

"WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES. Any and all materials, equipment, equipment structures, storage structures, towers, and antennas, other than customer premises equipment, used by a telecommunications carrier to provide telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, cellular telephone service, personal communications and enhanced specialized mobile radio service. The term wireless communications facilities shall mean personal wireless service facilities within the meaning of 47 U.S.C. Section 332 (c) (7)."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board member Wayne King moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 19 of the warrant for the April 7, 1997, Annual Town Meeting, as revised as follows:

a) by amending the first sentence of B. Moratorium under part 1) of the Article by deleting the words "...shall be constructed, placed or modified in the Town of Ipswich, nor shall a permit for said construction, placement or modification be issued..." and substitute in lieu thereof "...shall be constructed or placed in the Town of Ipswich, nor shall a permit for said construction or placement be issued..." ;

b) by amending the second sentence of B. Moratorium under part 1) of the Article by deleting the phrase "or television antennas which are accessory to a residential use", and replacing it with

the phrase "nor does it apply to television antennas or satellite dishes which are accessory to a residential use." ; and

c) by adding to the end of the first paragraph of B. Moratorium under part 1) of the Article the following sentence: "This moratorium shall not apply to the use of land or a structure for a wireless communications facility or for provisions of personal wireless services for which a building permit was issued prior to March 6, 1997, provided that all of the requirements for the exercise of such a building permit are satisfied." Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by voice vote.

(The moratorium would not apply to any use for which a valid permit had been issued as of 3/6/97 and which otherwise has all other required clearances and approvals, e.g., the Methodist Church steeple.)

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich, by:

(1) adding to "SECTION IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS" the following new subsection:

"E. Common Driveways

1. Purpose

The purposes of providing access to no more than four residential lots over a common driveway, rather than by individual driveways on each lot, are:

a. to enhance public safety by reducing the number and frequency of points at which vehicles may enter upon the ways used by the public, particularly arterial streets as defined in the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Ipswich, Massachusetts;

b. to preserve, protect and enhance environmentally sensitive land, such as well recharge areas, wetlands and flood plains, by reducing the area of land that is cleared, excavated, filled and/or covered with impervious surface;

c. to encourage residential development at a lower density than would otherwise be allowed by the minimum dimensional requirements of the Town of Ipswich Zoning By-law, SECTION VI.; and

d. to encourage the protection and preservation of significant natural features and vistas.

2. Applicability and Requirements -- Common Driveways Serving

Two Lots

Common driveways serving no more than two lots, each with approved frontage on a public way, are allowed as-of-right provided they meet the following requirements:

a. The common driveway shall not be in excess of five hundred (500) feet in length.

b. The common driveway shall not enter the roadway at a point separated by less than one hundred (100) feet from any other driveway, curb cut or intersection.

c. The common driveway shall not be allowed if it would serve as the primary means of access to property which is publicly-controlled or which serves a public purpose.

d. Permanent signs indicating the street number address assigned to each lot served by the common driveway shall be installed within ten (10) feet of the intersection of the common driveway with the street, as well as within ten (10) feet of the intersection of an individual lot driveway with the common driveway.

e. The common driveway shall access the property over the frontage of one of the lots being served by the driveway.

f. The owner(s) of the properties to be served by the common driveway must provide evidence to the Building Inspector that they have rights, either by deed or perpetual easement, to the common driveway.

g. The common driveway shall be no less than twelve (12) feet in width and shall be treated with an all-weather surface. The width requirement shall apply only to that portion of a driveway which is used in common by more than one (1) lot.

3. Applicability and Requirements -- Common Driveways Serving Up To Four Lots

By grant of a special permit, pursuant to the provisions of SECTION XI- J of the Zoning By-Law, the Planning Board may approve a common driveway serving up to four (4) lots, each with approved frontage on a public way, subject to the requirements described below:

a. A common driveway serving up to four lots may be permitted by special permit only if one or more of the following conditions apply:

(1) The provision of individual driveways to the lots to be served by the proposed common driveway would require curb cuts which are separated by less than one hundred (100) feet along the exterior street line.

(2) The provision of individual driveways to the lots to be served by the proposed common driveway would allow no alternative but to cross a "Wetland Resource Area", as defined by M.G.L. Chapter 131 Section 40, and/or the Town of Ipswich Wetlands Protection By-Law, or to cross a "Flood Plain" as described in SECTION IX-D of the Zoning By-law.

(3) One or more alternative individual driveways which would be necessary in the absence of the proposed common driveway would intersect the roadway at a point of insufficient traffic sight distance, as determined by the Ipswich Planning Board.

(4) At least two of the lots to be served by the common driveway have a buildable lot area of at least three (3) times the minimum lot area for the zoning district. No further subdivision of the lots being served by the common driveway shall be allowed if the special permit is approved.

(5) The provision of driveways to the lots to be served by the proposed common driveway would necessitate the excavation or filling of more than one hundred (100) cubic yards of earth, whereas the excavation or filling for the proposed common driveway would require less than one hundred (100) cubic yards of earth.

(6) The lots to be served by the common driveway derive their frontage from one of the following streets: County Road, Essex Road, High Street, Linebrook Road, Newburyport Turnpike, or Topsfield Road.

(7) The provision of driveways to the lots to be served by the proposed common driveway would adversely affect a significant natural feature or vista.

b. The common driveway shall comply with paragraphs (a) through (f) under 2. Applicability and Requirements -- Common Driveways Serving Two Lots.

c. Common driveways shall provide adequate access and turnaround for vehicles including moving vans, ambulances, fire and police vehicles. To provide such adequate access, common driveways shall be built to meet the following standards:

(1) Width sixteen (16) feet minimum;

(2) Turnaround cul-de-sac having an outside paving diameter of at least 90 feet. As an alternative, the Planning Board may allow a "T" or "Y" shaped turnaround;

(3) Pavement Class I, Type I-1 plant-mixed bituminous concrete, in accordance with Appendix 1(A)(5 and 6) of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Ipswich, Massachusetts;

(4) Grade 10% maximum;

(5) Levelling area: If the grade of the common driveway exceeds six (6) percent on the approach to an intersection, a levelling area with a slope of not more than four (4) percent shall be provided for a distance not less than fifty (50) feet from the intersecting street.

The width, grade and levelling area standards specified above shall apply only to that portion of a driveway which is used in common by more than two (2) lots.

d. If the terminus of the common driveway is greater than 500 feet from an existing hydrant, as measured along said driveway, an eight-inch diameter water main and hydrant acceptable to the Department of Utilities shall be installed.

e. The special permit approval shall be subject to a covenant by and between the developer and the Planning Board recorded in the chain of title and running with the land, on a form approved by the Planning Board, acknowledging that the common driveway special permit was granted in consideration of the conditions contained within the special permit and the grant of covenant, and that the common driveway is a private driveway that serves more than one (1) lot, and that the owner, his heirs, executors, successors and assigns, agree that the common driveway shall never be submitted to Town Meeting for a vote to have it become an accepted street. This paragraph authorizes the Planning Board to accept the covenant on behalf of the Town.

f. The special permit approval shall require the applicant to record with the permit a declaration of covenants and easements which provides for a method of maintenance of the drive, and which obligates that present and future owners of the lots be responsible for the maintenance of the common driveway.

4. Waivers

The standards established in 3(c) of this subsection E may be reduced by the Planning Board as part of its special permit approval, provided that no reduction exceeds the standard by more than 25%.

(2) amending SECTION III. DEFINITIONS by adding the following definition, in the proper alphabetical sequence:

COMMON DRIVEWAY: A driveway providing access to more than one, but no more than four, residential lots upon which only detached single-family residences may be located. Common driveways may not be used to satisfy zoning frontage requirements; and

(3) amending SECTION V. USE REGULATIONS, D. Table of Use Regulations by:

adding, under the RESIDENTIAL heading, the use "common driveway",

and under said use establish two sub-categories, "a. up to two lots" and "b. up to four lots", and insert for line "a." the following prohibitions and allowances: "P" under the RRA, RRB, RRC, and IR columns, and a "-" under the remaining columns; and insert for line "b." the following prohibitions and allowances: "SPB" under the RRA, RRB, RRC, and IR columns, and a "-" under the remaining columns; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board member John Beagan moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 20 of the warrant for the April 7, 1997, annual town meeting, and revised as follows:

(1) by amending subsection E. Common Driveways under part (1) of the Article as follows:

amend the first sentence under "1. Purpose" by replacing the word "four" with the word "two";

delete "c." under "1. Purpose" in its entirety, and re-letter "d." as "c.";

delete the title of subpart 2., "Applicability and Requirements - Common Driveways Serving Two Lots" and substitute in lieu thereof "Applicability and Requirements";

delete "b." under subpart 2. and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"The common driveway shall not enter any roadway at a point separated by less than one hundred (100) feet from an intersection. On a state-numbered highway, the common driveway shall not enter the roadway at a point separated by less than one hundred (100) feet from any other driveway, curb cut, or intersection.";

delete "3. Applicability and Requirements -- Common Driveways Serving Up to Four Lots" and "4. Waivers" in their entirety; and

(2) by amending the definition of Common Driveway under part (2) of the Article by replacing the word "four" with the word "two"; and

(3) by deleting the language under part (3) of the Article in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following language:

"amending SECTION V. USE REGULATIONS D. Table of Use Regulations by adding, under the RESIDENTIAL heading, the use "common driveway", and insert the following prohibitions and allowances: "P" under the RRA, RRB, RRC, and IR columns, and a "-" under the remaining columns." Seconded.

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board unanimously recommended.

Attorney Peter Ross spoke against the article and urged voters to vote no. Town Planner Glenn Gibbs and Planning Board member John Beagan insisted that this article was the conservative approach to common driveways.

On a hand count with 123 in favor and 44 against, the article passed by two-thirds majority with 74 per cent voting.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Ipswich, Table of Dimensional and Density Regulations, as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Minimum Lot Area</u> (sq.ft.) ²³
<u>DELETE</u> : Highway Business (HB) ¹⁵	Multi-family	25,000+ 2,500/du

then

SUBSTITUTE:

Highway Business (HB) ¹⁵	Multi-family	25,000+ 6,000/du";
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or to take any other action relative thereto. (By petition)

Carl Gardner moved to indefinitely postpone Article 21. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously agreed to postpone this article. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:
"Resolved, that the Massachusetts General Court should enact legislation in the form of "An Act to Enable a Land Bank Fund to be Established in Certain Municipalities"; the purpose of which is to acquire, reclaim, hold and manage land and interests in land in order to provide for the existing and future aesthetic enjoyment, recreation and other needs of the municipalities, their residents and visitors, and to provide for environmental protection and preservation; to establish said land bank by authorizing a fee on land transfers in a percentage to be determined by the voters in any town adopting this Act." The Town of Ipswich instructs its Representatives in General Court to approve such a bill; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Open Space Committee member David Standley moved that action on this article be postponed indefinitely. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously agreed to postpone this article. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to appropriate a sum of money to engage environmental engineering services to remediate a hazardous materials condition in the municipal parking lot; and (2) to determine if said appropriation shall be raised by ad valorem taxes, transfer from available funds, or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Edward Rauscher moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to engage environmental engineering services to remediate a hazardous materials condition in the municipal parking lot, said sum to be raised by transferring \$30,000 from free cash. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by simple majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts, respectively, of a temporary easement from the United Methodist Church of Ipswich for vehicular access, and of a permanent easement for subsurface utilities; and from the Ascension Memorial Church of Ipswich, of an easement for temporary access during construction; each, respectively, in a form as on file in the office of the Town Clerk; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Eugene Hailson moved that the Town vote to accept gifts from the United Methodist Church of Ipswich, of a temporary easement for access and of a permanent easement for subsurface utilities; and a gift from the Ascension Memorial Church of Ipswich, of a temporary access easement; each, respectively, in a form as on file in the office of the Town Clerk. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen approved by a vote of four in favor, one abstained. Finance Committee unanimously in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Ipswich, CHAPTER XI GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, "Section 2. Conveyances of Land" by designating the existing text as subsection "(a)" and by adding a new subsection "(b)" thereto:

"(b) The Board of Selectmen is authorized to accept in the name of the Town gifts of land, easements, and interests in land for walkway and sidewalk purposes, storm drainage, including above ground and below ground purposes, electric, water, and sewer purposes, slope maintenance purposes, and for the purpose of rounding street corners."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Eugene Hailson moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Ipswich, CHAPTER XI GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS, "Section 2. Conveyances of Land" by designating the existing text as subsection "(a)" and by adding a new subsection "(b)" as presented in Article 25 of the warrant for the April 7, 1997, annual town meeting. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed in an employee replacement fund, to be used to hire replacements as needed for employees who are on extended paid sick leave and no funds otherwise have been appropriated for replacement; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Edward Rauscher moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in an employee replacement fund, to be used to hire replacements as needed for employees who are on extended paid sick leave and no funds otherwise have been appropriated for replacement. Seconded.

Bill Wasserman asked why this "rainy day fund" was not included in the budget. Town Manager George Howe said the funds would be placed in a separate account, and would carry over from one year to the next.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote on the following:

"Any person over the age of sixty-five years on social security or fixed income being a resident of the Town of Ipswich in said Essex County of the State of Massachusetts shall be entitled to a one-third reduction in said real estate taxes being paid to the said Town of Ipswich in Essex County in the State of Massachusetts; said warrant article shall be placed as a question on said ballot to be voted on after a town meeting vote is taken"; or to take any other action relative thereto. (By petition)

Dan Cashman's motion was ruled out of order and was reviewed by Town Counsel. In her opinion, the article and the motion are in conflict with the Massachusetts General Laws. Mr. Cashman moved that action on this article be postponed indefinitely. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously agreed to postpone action on this article. Motion carried by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey for a minimum purchase price to be established by Town Meeting and to execute any and all necessary instruments for two parcels of land situate on the southeasterly side of Vincent Road (Assessor's Map 22D, Parcels 70 and 72); or to take any other action relative thereto. (By petition)

Selectman Pat McNally moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey, subject to a surface and subsurface drainage easement and a scenic vista easement reserved by the Town, two parcels of land situate on the southeasterly side of Vincent Road (Assessor's Map 22D, Parcels 70 and 72), each, respectively, for a minimum purchase price of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all necessary instruments therefor. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended.

Open Space Committee member David Standley moved that any proceeds from this sale be deposited in the Conservation Fund. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission unanimously in favor of the amendment; Finance Committee voted seven in favor, two against the amendment. Motion carried by voice vote on the amendment.

Carolyn Britt questioned this land purchase. Selectman James Engel said "there was only one reasonable use for this land and that is for the construction of underground disposal".

The motion as amended carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a by-law to provide a time allotment at the beginning of each committee's agenda for citizen queries. (By petition)

Finance Committee member/petitioner Joni Soffron moved that the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Ipswich, CHAPTER IV, GENERAL PROVISIONS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND OFFICERS, Section 1. General Committees, by adding a new subsection (d) thereto:

"(d) At the commencement of each open session of a board, commission, or committee (except for meetings which exclusively entail site visit(s) away from municipal and/or school facilities customarily used for public meetings), the agenda shall include as its first item a time allotment for citizen queries." Seconded.

Mrs. Soffron said "It's sad a by-law must be created for something that is common courtesy". She criticized the school committee, calling them "arrogant" for making citizens wait until after 9:00

p.m. or even 10:40 p.m. to be addressed. School Committee Chairman George Jewell agreed with Mrs. Soffron's recommendation, but also defended the school committee's policy. He said that parents had an opportunity to ask questions during "community dialogue" before the meetings (7:00 p.m.) and are always allowed to speak out during the meetings. Mrs. Soffron disagreed and said that neither the press or anyone else is present (at 7:00 p.m.) because the evening's agenda doesn't begin until 7:30 p.m.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. School Committee supported the amendment by majority vote. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the stabilization fund to defray debt service expenses arising from debt previously authorized by the Town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman James Engel moved that the Town appropriate \$270,000 from the stabilization fund to offset debt service expenses previously authorized for the new school construction project, as otherwise raised by action under Article 5 of the warrant for the April 7, 1997, Annual Town Meeting. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to reconsider any or all previous articles raising and/or appropriating money contained in this warrant for the purpose of completing a budget which is balanced and in compliance with the levy limit provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman James Engel moved that action on this article be postponed indefinitely. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved, seconded and so voted to adjourn the 364th Annual Town Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m. Moderator James Grimes thanked everyone who had a role in the town meeting and reminded voters to vote at the VFW Hall on Monday, April 14th.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office and at each of the meeting houses in the Town, by publication at least seven days prior to the time for holding said meeting in a newspaper published in, or having a general circulation in, the Town of Ipswich.

And you are further directed to warn the voters to come and meet at the VFW Hall, County Road, on Monday, April 14, 1997, between the

hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the approval of the appropriation acted upon under Article 10 of this warrant and to vote on the following question:

"Shall the Town of Ipswich be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to survey, design, repair and/or reconstruct unaccepted streets in the Town of Ipswich, and to obtain any materiel and/or services incidental thereto?

Yes /___/ No /___/".

(The question above was moot, since the voters indefinitely postponed action on Article 15 at the town meeting.)

Given unto our hands this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven.

TOWN OF IPSWICH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James R. Engel
Edward B. Rauscher
William E. George
Patrick J. McNally
Eugene A. Hailson

1997 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss

To the Constable of the Town of Ipswich in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the gymnasium of the Ipswich Middle School, 23 Green Street, in said Ipswich, on MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH OF OCTOBER, 1997, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Moderator James Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. with 202 voters present. The final count was 394 at 9 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, it was moved, seconded and so voted to admit non-voters. The Moderator informed the voters about town meeting procedures and the method of making an amendment to a warrant article. Tellers appointed by the Moderator were: Bruce Bryant, Steve Cottrell, Steve Fortado and Phil Stewart. Deborah Eliason from Kopelman and Paige was Town Counsel.

The location for this special town meeting was changed to the R. C. Whipple Middle School because construction on the new school project had begun at the Ipswich High School. The last town meeting held at the Whipple Middle School (formerly Ipswich High School) was the Annual Town Meeting on March 4, 1963 with 661 voters attending and 57 articles on the warrant. Many thanks to School Principal Cheryl Forster and her staff, Police Chief Charles Surpitski and his public safety department and Moderator James Grimes for all their assistance in preparing this location for the special town meeting.

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to amend its action previously taken under Article 4 of the April 07, 1997, Annual Town Meeting, by raising and appropriating an additional sum of money, and/or by transferring sums of money between departmental accounts, and/or by transferring sums of money from available funds; (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, or otherwise an easement in land now or formerly of Earl Pendexter, located at 25 Hammatt Street (Assessor's Map 41B, Lot 277), as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and (3) to appropriate a sum of money and to determine whether said sum shall be raised by taxes, transfer between departmental accounts, and/or transfer from available funds, for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, gift, or otherwise an easement in land now or formerly of Earl Pendexter, located at 25 Hammatt Street (Assessor's Map 41B, Lot 277), as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen James Engel moved that the Town vote:

(1) to amend its action previously taken under Article 4 of the April 07, 1997, Annual Town Meeting (the municipal operating budget) by:

a) transferring from: Miscellaneous Finance (Insurance) \$4,400
transferring from: Miscellaneous Finance (Benefits)
\$1,300 transferring to: Treasurer/Collector (expenses)
\$3,200
transferring to: Cemeteries & Parks (capital) \$2,500;

b) appropriating the sum of \$4,700 to fund the return of a subdivision security deposit owed to the developer of the subdivision, and to raise this appropriation by:

transferring from: Miscellaneous Finance (Benefits)
\$4,700
transferring to: Planning (expenses) \$4,700;

c) increasing the appropriation in the Treasurer/Collector Department (expenses) from \$22,382 to \$37,382; and

(2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, or otherwise an easement in land now or formerly of Earl Pendexter, located at 25 Hammatt Street (Assessor's Map 41B, Lot 277) as shown on a plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, to appropriate the sum of \$9,700 for said purpose, and to raise said appropriation by transferring \$9,700 previously appropriated in Miscellaneous Finance (Insurance) to Highway (capital outlay) for said purpose;

the municipal operating budget, as hereby amended, shall total \$8,797,371, and the net to be raised and assessed shall total \$8,280,118. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills incurred in prior years and remaining unpaid; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Edward Rauscher moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,475.74 to pay unpaid bills incurred in prior years and remaining unpaid, as presented hereinbelow:

School Department:

Parent	\$ 505.06
Everyday Learning Corporation	104.50

Wastewater Treatment:	
Martel's Automotive	325.45
Miscellaneous Finance:	
U.S. Postal Service	339.31
Conservation Commission:	
Community Newspapers, Inc.	69.30
Building Inspector:	
Workwise Occupational Health Services	45.00
Life Laboratories	<u>87.12</u>
	\$ 1,475.74

Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Board of Selectmen to file special legislation which would enable the Town to create a sewer special revenue fund, viz.:

"Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Ipswich shall appropriate the income of the sewer system to defray all operating expenses, interest charges and payments on the principal as they accrue upon any bonds or notes as they are issued for the purpose of the sewer system. If in any fiscal year there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges for that fiscal year, such surplus, or so much thereof as may be necessary to reimburse the town for moneys theretofore paid on account of its sewer division, shall be paid into the town treasury. If in any fiscal year there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges and for the payment of such reimbursement in full, such surplus may be appropriated for such new construction, extraordinary maintenance, or repairs, as the sewer commissioners, with the approval of the town, may determine; and in case a net surplus should remain after payment for such new construction, extraordinary maintenance, or repairs, the sewer rates shall be reduced proportionately. Said commissioners shall annually, and as often as the town may require, render a report upon the condition of works under their charge, and an account of their doings, including an account of the receipts and expenditures.

Section 2. This act shall be effective as of July 01, 1998, for fiscal year Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Nine."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Edward Rauscher moved that the Town vote to authorize

its Board of Selectmen to file special legislation as presented in Article 3 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended; the Finance Committee voted 7 to 2 against the motion. Mr. Engel spoke in favor and encouraged voters to support the motion. Finance Committee Chairman Clark Ziegler said, "We oppose this article because it requires taxpayer support and becomes a heads-I-win, tails-you-lose scenario for taxpayers". The motion failed to carry by voice vote. Seven voters stood and contested the voice vote. On a hand count with 145 in favor and 155 against, the motion failed by 10 votes.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to appropriate a sum of money to fund the following water pollution abatement projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as amended; (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state, and/or private grants, loans, or gifts without further appropriation thereof; and (3) to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Fund, or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Pat McNally moved that the Town vote (1) to appropriate \$200,000 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement, and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; (2) to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$200,000 and to issue bonds or notes therefor under General Laws Chapter 111, Section 127B 1/2 and/or General Laws Chapter 29C; (3) that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements, but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; (4) that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal and/or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and (5) that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory

agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Andrew Brengle, a member of the Septic System Management Study Committee, and Susan Hubbard, a member of the Board of Health, spoke in favor and urged voters to support the motion. Glenn Warren's question on financing these projects was answered by the Town Manager. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to reconsider its action taken under Article 5 of the April 07, 1997, Annual Town Meeting (the FY98 School Operating Budget), to increase the appropriation to reflect an increase in anticipated "cherry sheet" education-related state aid; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Chairman of the School Committee George Jewell moved that the Town vote to reconsider its action taken under Article 5 of the Warrant for the April 07, 1997, Annual Town Meeting (the FY98 School Budget), by raising and appropriating an additional \$43,490 so that the school budget, as amended, will total:

For the School Budget (operating subtotal):	\$11,757,886
Transfer from available funds:	508,938
Operating budget subtotal net to be raised and assessed:	11,248,948
Plus debt service payments:	480,000
Total School Budget:	12,237,886
School Budget net to be raised and assessed:	11,278,948

Seconded.

School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. A motion to amend the School Budget "net to be raised and assessed" figure to read \$11,728,948 was seconded and passed. School Committee, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended the motion to amend the School Budget net to be raised and assessed to \$11,728,948. The main motion as amended carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by:

1) amending SECTION III. DEFINITIONS by adding, in proper alphabetical sequence, the following definitions:

BUILDING-MOUNTED WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY: Any out-of-doors Wireless Communications Facility mounted on, erected on, or

supported in whole or in part by an existing building or structure (including without limitation, buildings, water towers, smoke stacks) occupied and/or used primarily for other purposes.

FREE-STANDING, EXTERIOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY: Any out-of-doors Wireless Communications Facility on which other wireless communications are mounted, including, but not limited to, any free-standing monopole, or any other similar free-standing structure.

INDOOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY: Any indoor Wireless Communications Facility mounted inside, erected inside or supported within an existing building or structure (including, without limitation, buildings, cupolas, church spires/steeple, inactive smoke stacks, and the like) occupied and/or used primarily for other purposes;

2) amending SECTION V. USE REGULATIONS, paragraph A. Applicability of Use Regulations by changing the last sentence to read, "Any use not listed in these regulations, unless otherwise listed in SECTION IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS, G. Wireless Communications Facilities, paragraph 3, of this by-law, shall be construed to be prohibited."; and

3) amending SECTION IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS by deleting, in its entirety, the text of "G. Wireless Communications Facilities," and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"G. Wireless Communications Facilities

1. Purpose

The purpose of this subsection is: (1) to minimize the adverse impacts of wireless communication facilities (hereinafter "WCF") on adjacent properties and residential neighborhoods; (2) to minimize the overall number and height of such facilities to only what is essential; (3) to promote the shared use of existing facilities to reduce the need for new ones; (4) to encourage the most appropriate use of the land and to guide sound development while promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the Town; and (5) to establish districts in which WCFs may be located.

2. Wireless Communication Districts

To achieve the above purpose, this subsection establishes the following Wireless Communication Districts:

Wireless Communication District A

This overlay district consists of all land located in the

Planned Commercial and Limited Industrial Districts and certain land located in the Rural Residence A and Rural Residence B Districts, as shown on the official zoning map for the Town of Ipswich. Within this district all of the requirements of the underlying zoning district(s) continue to apply, with the exception of the maximum height allowance, which is established in paragraph 3. of this section. The following additional uses shall be allowed:

- a. Indoor WCFs, allowed as-of-right subject to the dimensional requirements, performance standards, and design standards set forth in this subsection;
- b. Building-mounted and existing free-standing WCFs, allowed subject to Site Plan Review from the Planning Board and the dimensional requirements, performance standards, and design standards set forth in this subsection;
- c. New free-standing WCFs, allowed subject to a special permit from and Site Plan Review by the Planning Board and subject to the dimensional requirements, performance standards, and design standards set forth in this subsection.

Wireless Communication District B

This district consists of certain land located in the Business, Intown Residence, and Rural Residence A Districts, as shown on the official zoning map for the Town of Ipswich. Within this district all of the requirements of the underlying zoning district(s) continue to apply, with the exception of the maximum height allowance, which is established in paragraph 3. of this subsection. The following additional uses shall be allowed:

- a. Indoor WCFs, allowed as-of-right subject to the dimensional requirements, performance standards, and design standards set forth in this subsection;
- b. Building-mounted and existing free-standing WCFs, allowed subject to Site Plan Review from the Planning Board and the dimensional requirements, performance standards, and design standards set forth in this subsection.

3. Dimensional Requirements for WCFs:

Free-standing and building-mounted WCFs shall comply with the following dimensional requirements:

a. Free-standing WCFs shall:

- (1) not exceed one-hundred twenty (120) feet in height, measured from the base of the tower to the highest point of the tower or its projections;
- (2) be set back from the property lines of the lot on which it is located by at least one hundred (100) feet measured from the center of the structure of the WCF base;
- (3) be located a minimum of three hundred (300) feet from the nearest residential building within a residentially-zoned district; and
- (4) be separated from each other by a minimum of two (2) miles.

Based on a clear display that additional height of the tower or reduced setbacks of the tower from buildings or property lines will not adversely affect any purpose of this by-law and will help to promote the objectives set forth herein, particularly as it relates to co-location, the Planning Board may, by special permit, allow the height of the tower to be increased, or the required setbacks or separation to be reduced, up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) percent.

b. Building-mounted WCFs shall not:

- (1) exceed fifteen (15) feet above the roof top of a supporting building, including any penthouse, parapet or other similar structure extending above the roof top;
- (2) exceed fifteen (15) feet above the highest point of a water tower;
- (3) exceed the highest point of a smokestack.

4. Performance Standards/General Requirements

The following performance standards and general requirements shall apply to all WCFs:

- a. Compliance with Federal and State Regulations. All WCFs shall be erected, installed, maintained and used in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, including radio frequency emission regulations as set forth in Section 704 of the 1996 Federal Telecommunications

Act.

- b. Co-location of WCFs. WCFs shall be designed to accommodate the maximum number of users technologically practical. Shared use of free-standing, building mounted, or indoor WCFs by commercial carriers shall be required unless such shared use is shown to be not technologically practical. The intent of this requirement is to reduce the number of separate facilities to be located within the community. All owners and operators of land used in whole or in part for a WCF and all owners and operators of such WCF shall, as a continuing condition of installing, constructing, erecting and using a WCF, permit other public utilities or FCC-licensed commercial entities seeking to operate a WCF to install, erect, mount and use compatible WCF equipment and fixtures on the equipment mounting structure on reasonable commercial terms; provided, however, that such co-location does not materially interfere with the transmission and/or reception of communication signals to or from the existing WCF, and provided that there are no structural or other physical limitations that make it impractical to accommodate the proposed additional WCF or fixtures.
- c. Removal of Abandoned WCF. Any WCF which is not operational for a continuous period of twelve (12) months shall be considered abandoned, and the WCF shall be removed by the owner of the WCF and the site shall be restored to its original condition within ninety (90) days of receipt of notice from the Building Inspector notifying the owner of such abandonment.

If such WCF is not removed within ninety (90) days, such WCF shall be deemed to be in violation of this Zoning By-Law and the appropriate enforcement authority may begin proceedings to enforce and/or cause removal. If there are two or more users of a single WCF, then this provision shall not become effective until all users cease using the WCF.

5. (number 5 omitted)

6. Design Standards

The following design standards shall apply to all free-standing WCFs, except for paragraph a., which shall apply to all exterior WCFs:

- a. All exterior WCF equipment and fixtures shall be painted or otherwise screened or colored to minimize their visibility to occupants or residents of surrounding buildings, streets and properties. WCF equipment and fixtures visible against a building or structure shall be colored to blend with such building or structure. WCF equipment and fixtures visible against the sky or other background shall be colored to minimize visibility against such background. The maximum amount of vegetation shall be preserved during construction of any WCF.
- b. All free-standing WCFs shall be designed to be constructed at the minimum height necessary to accommodate the anticipated and future use.
- c. The only type of free-standing WCFs allowed shall be monopoles, with associated antennae and/or panels. Whenever technologically feasible, antennae shall be mounted flush against a pole, provided that such mounting does not compromise the potential for co-location. Lattice style towers and similar facilities requiring three or more legs and/or guy wires for support shall not be allowed.
- d. To the extent feasible all network interconnections from any WCF shall be installed either underground or inside an existing structure.
- e. Fencing shall be provided to control access to WCFs and shall be compatible with the scenic character of the Town. Fencing shall not be of razor wire.
- f. Only the following signs shall be permitted: announcement signs; "no trespassing" signs; and a required sign providing a phone number at which the owner can be reached on a twenty-four (24) hour basis. All said signs shall conform with SECTION VIII.SIGNS of this Zoning By-Law.
- g. Night lighting of free-standing WCFs shall be prohibited unless required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Lighting shall be limited to that needed for emergencies and/or as required by the FAA.
- h. There shall be a maximum of one (1) parking space for each free-standing WCF, to be used in connection with the maintenance of the site and not to be used for the permanent storage of vehicles or other equipment.
- i. Accessory buildings and/or storage sheds shall be limited to one (1) building per use per tower. If

more than one (1) use, the accessory buildings shall be connected by a common wall and the buildings shall be of the same design and exterior color. Each building shall not exceed three hundred (300) square feet in size and ten (10) feet in height.

7. Special Permit

a. Application Process

- (1) All special permit applications for WCFs shall be made and filed on the appropriate application form. For an application to be considered complete, it shall comply with the Rules and Regulations Governing Granting of Special Permits, and shall also include nine (9) copies of the following information:
 - (a) A color photograph or rendition of the proposed monopole with its antennae and/or panels. A rendition shall also be prepared providing eight (8) view lines in a one (1) mile radius from the site, shown beginning at true north and continuing clockwise at forty-five (45) degree intervals;
 - (b) A description of the monopole and the technical, economic and other reasons for the proposed location, height and design;
 - (c) Confirmation that the monopole complies with all applicable Federal and State standards including, but not limited to, the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Communications Commission, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; and
 - (d) A description of the capacity of the monopole including the number and type of panels, antennae and/or transmitter receivers that it can accommodate, and the basis for these calculations.
- (2) Within fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing, the applicant shall arrange to locate a crane, or an alternative temporary structure approved by the Planning Board, at the site in a manner that replicates the exact height and location of the proposed monopole. The crane

or structure shall remain in position for no less than three (3) consecutive days, for at least twelve (12) hours per day. The dates and location of the siting shall be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town at least fourteen (14) days prior to the siting, and notice shall be sent to abutting property owners.

b. Review Criteria

In addition to applying the Special Permit general conditions described in SECTION XI., subsection J, of this Zoning By-Law, and the standards, requirements, or conditions set forth in this SECTION IX. G., the Board shall review the special permit application in accordance with the following criteria:

- (1) An applicant proposing a free-standing WCF shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board that the visual, economic and aesthetic impacts of the facility on the community will be minimal. The applicant shall also demonstrate that the facility should be located at the proposed site due to technical, topographical or other unique circumstances. In determining whether to issue a special permit, the Board shall consider the following factors: height of the proposed WCF; the nature of uses on adjacent and nearby properties; surrounding topography; surrounding tree coverage and foliage; the visual impact of the facility on the abutting neighborhoods and streets; and the impact on existing vistas and natural resources.
- (2) No free-standing WCF shall be erected or installed except in compliance with the provisions of this subsection. Any proposed extension to the height, or construction of a new or replacement facility, shall be subject to a new application for a special permit. The addition of cells, antennae or panels to an existing facility shall not require the issuance of a special permit but shall be subject to site plan review.

c. Conditions of Approval

The following conditions of approval shall apply to all grants of applications for WCFs that require a Special Permit as indicated by the above Table of Uses in paragraph 3. herein:

- (1) Annual certification which demonstrates

continuing compliance with the standards, rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Aviation Administration, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and other applicable federal, state and local laws shall be provided to the Town's Director of Code Enforcement.

(2) If a free-standing exterior WCF is to be placed on municipal property, the following conditions shall be satisfied:

- (a) Certificate of Insurance for liability coverage in the amounts of \$1,000,000.00, naming the Town as an additional insured, shall be provided.
- (b) An agreement, whereby the user indemnifies and holds the Town harmless against any claims for injury or damage resulting from or arising out of the use or occupancy of the Town-owned property by the user, shall be provided.
- (c) A cash bond in a reasonable amount determined and approved by the Board shall be in force to cover removal of the WCF and restoration of the site to the original condition of the premises at the onset of the lease, for use if and when said use of said WCF becomes discontinued or obsolete. The amount is to be payable to the Town in the event that the user breaches the agreement in Section 5, paragraph c above.

(3) A maintenance bond shall be posted for the access road, site and monopole in amounts approved by the Board.

In addition to the above, the Board may impose additional conditions as needed to minimize any adverse impacts of the proposed WCF.

8. Exemptions

The following types of WCFs are exempt from this Section G:

- (1) Amateur radio towers used in accordance with the

terms of any amateur radio service license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, provided that: (1) the tower is not used or licensed for any commercial purpose; (2) the tower shall have a cost or replacement value of less than \$10,000.00; and (3) the tower shall be removed if the use is discontinued for one year.

- (2) Facilities used for the purposes set forth in M.G.L. c. 40A, section 3."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Wireless Communications Study Committee member Carl Gardner moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 6 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting, and revised as follows:

- (1) by amending "2. Wireless Communication Districts under part (3) of the Article as follows:

amend the first sentence under Wireless Communication District A by deleting the words "certain land" and substituting in lieu thereof "the following parcels"; and by adding at the end of the sentence, the following: "Assessor's Map 13, Lot 25; and Assessor's Map 51, Lot 7.";

amend the first sentence under Wireless Communication District B by deleting the words "certain land" and substituting in lieu thereof "the following parcels"; and by adding at the end of the sentence, the following: "Assessor's Map 54A, 20C; Assessor's Map 23B, Lot 73A; Assessor's Map 42A, 186; Assessor's Map 41B, Lot 216; Assessor's Map 41B, Lot 149A; Assessor's Map 42A, Lot 147; Assessor's Map 42A, Lot 126; Assessor's Map 42A, Lot 127; Assessor's Map 42A, Lot 128; Assessor's Map 42A, Lot 129; Assessor's Map 30D, Lot 21; Assessor's Map 28A, Lot 124; and Assessor's Map 42A, Lot 130."; and

- (2) by amending "8. Exemptions" under part (3) of the Article by adding paragraph "(3)", to read as follows:

"(3) Facilities used by the municipality for the purpose of public safety." Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended.

Mr. Gardner answered questions by David Standley, Wendy Lull and Bob Weatherall on the sites, reception and health issues. Mr. Gardner said, "Instead of making business decisions for the carriers, they (the study committee) had opted to decide for the sake of the town". Three out of the nine carriers that had

responded to the study committee were satisfied with the choices. The voice vote on the motion was inconclusive. On a hand count with 292 in favor and 32 against, the motion carried by more than two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Water Commission as follows:

The Board of Selectmen and the Water Commission, as the case may be, are hereby authorized by the Inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich to lease space on the following municipally-owned property and structures: Assessor's Map 23B, Lot 73A; Assessor's Map 13, Lot 25; Assessor's Map 28A, Lot 124; and Assessor's Map 30D, Lot 21, for the construction and attachment of Wireless Communications Facilities as allowed by the Protective Zoning By-Law, and upon such terms and conditions as such Board or Commission, as the case may be, deems advisable in its discretion after consideration at a duly noticed public hearing and in compliance with the terms of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board member John Beagan moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Water Commission as follows:

The Board of Selectmen and the Water Commission, as the case may be, are hereby authorized by the Inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich to lease space on the following municipally-owned property and structures: Assessor's Map 23B, Lot 73A; Assessor's Map 13, Lot 25; Assessor's Map 30D, Lot 21; and Assessor's Map 28A, Lot 124, for the construction and attachment of Wireless Communications Facilities as allowed by the Protective Zoning By-Law, and upon such terms and conditions as such Board or Commission, as the case may be, deems advisable in its discretion after consideration at a duly noticed public hearing, and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 30B of the General Laws. Seconded.

Planning Board, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote:

(1) to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64G, Section 3A, to establish a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house or motel within the Town at a rate of four percent (4%) of the total amount of rent of each such occupancy; and

(2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation to dedicate the revenue stream from the local option room occupancy excise, from withdrawal penalty/conveyance taxes paid upon conversion of real estate previously assessed under Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B, and from receipts from lease payments to the Town for the construction and/or attachment of Wireless Communications Facilities, as follows:

"Section 1. Any other provision of general or special law to the contrary notwithstanding, in the Town of Ipswich all revenue received from the following sources shall be placed in the Open Space, Recreation, and Water Supply/Watershed Protection Fund, originally established by vote under Article 14 of the Warrant for the October 17, 1994, Special Town Meeting: local option room occupancy excise taxes paid under the provisions of Section 3A of Chapter 64G of the General Laws, as amended; withdrawal penalty taxes paid under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 61 of the General Laws, as amended; conveyance taxes paid under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 61A of the General Laws, as amended; conveyance taxes paid under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 61B of the General Laws, as amended; and proceeds from the lease or leases of property rented by the Town of Ipswich to telecommunication companies for the construction and/or attachment of Wireless Communications Facilities.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on July first, Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Eight."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Open Space Committee member Carolyn Britt moved that the Town vote:

(1) to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64G, Section 3A, to establish a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house or motel within the Town at a rate of four percent of the total amount of rent of each such occupancy; and

(2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation to exempt establishments which have fifteen (15) or fewer rooms and to dedicate 96% of the revenue stream from said local option room occupancy excise tax; 100% of the revenue stream from withdrawal penalty/conveyance taxes paid upon conversion of real estate previously assessed under Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B; and the revenue stream from the lease or leases of property rented by the Town of Ipswich to telecommunication companies for the construction and/or attachment of Wireless Communications Facilities, as follows:

"Section 1. Any other provision of general or special law to the contrary notwithstanding, in the Town of Ipswich revenue received

from the following sources shall be placed in the Open Space, Recreation, and Water Supply/Watershed Protection Fund, originally established by vote under Article 14 of the Warrant for the October 17, 1994, Special Town Meeting: 96% of the revenue from the local option room occupancy excise taxes paid under the provisions of Section 3A of Chapter 64G of the General Laws, as amended; 100% of the revenue derived from withdrawal penalty taxes paid under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 61 of the General Laws, as amended; 100% of the revenue derived from conveyance taxes paid under the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 61A of the General Laws, as amended; 100% of the revenue derived from conveyance taxes paid under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 61B of the General Laws, as amended; and revenues derived from the lease or leases of property rented by the Town of Ipswich to telecommunication companies for the construction and/or attachment of Wireless Communications Facilities. Establishments which have fifteen (15) or fewer rooms shall be exempt from the local option room occupancy excise tax. Four percent of the revenue from the local option room occupancy excise taxes paid under the provisions of Section 3A of Chapter 64G of the General Laws, as amended, shall be used by the Town to support tourism development and services.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on July first, Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Eight." Seconded.

The amended motion read by Ms. Britt was checked by Town Counsel and was in order. The Open Space Committee, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended. The Finance Committee unanimously opposed the motion.

Finance Committee member Jamie Fay explained the committee's position on this new tax on businesses. He said, "This article would remove significant revenue from the town. We (Finance Committee) view this mechanism as the wrong way to do the right thing." Bill Wasserman opposed the tax on tourism and urged voters to vote against the article. He said the town was well equipped with open space and open space should not be a top priority now. Kerry Mackin, a member of the Ipswich River Watershed Association, spoke in favor and urged voters to support the article.

Finance Committee member Joni Soffron moved to amend the motion in the second paragraph, from fifteen (15) to "twenty-five (25)", and in the third paragraph (Section 1. of the proposed legislation), from fifteen (15) to "twenty-five (25)". Seconded. Mrs. Soffron spoke in favor of the amendment. She had no problem with a tax for open space but was not in favor of taxing establishments with less than twenty-five rooms. David Standley said he couldn't see it as a negative impact on business. The voice vote on the amendment was inconclusive. On a hand count, the amendment passed with 191 in favor and 128 against.

Richard Stern, Vice-President of the Ipswich Business Association, said the association did not have enough time to study the article and wanted to table the article for six months. David Standley, David Platt and Pat McNally spoke in favor of the amended motion and urged voters to vote in favor of the article. The question was moved, seconded and so voted. The vote on the amended main motion carried by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending SECTION IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS, C. Water Supply Protection District as follows:

(1) amend "1. Uses in the District" by modifying the Table of Uses to replace:

<u>"Table of Uses</u>	<u>District A</u>	<u>District B</u>
Sewage treatment facilities with on-site disposal of primary or secondary treatment effluent, or package sewage treatment plants"	-	-

with the following:

<u>"Table of Uses</u>	<u>District A</u>	<u>District B</u>
Sewage Treatment Works permitted by the Mass. DEP, and On-site Sewage Disposal Systems serving more than one dwelling unit, in full conformance with the requirements of 310 CMR 15.000	SPB	SPB";

(2) amend "2. Special Permit Criteria" by adding a paragraph "e.", to read as follows:

"e. Within ten days of receipt of a special permit application for "Sewage Treatment Works permitted by the Mass. DEP, and On-site Sewage Disposal Systems serving more than one dwelling unit, in full conformance with the requirements of 310 CMR 15.000," the Planning Board shall transmit copies of the application to the Board of Health, Department of Utilities, Board of Water Commissioners, and the Conservation Commission, which shall review the application and submit their recommendations to the Planning Board within thirty-five (35) days of the referral of the application. The Planning Board shall not approve a special permit under this subsection unless and until it shall have received a favorable recommendation thereon, issued by the Board of Water Commissioners, which recommendation shall not be unreasonably withheld."; or to take any other action relative

thereto.

Planning Board Chairman Leslie Brooks moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 9 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting. Seconded.

Planning Board, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended. Ms. Brooks and Carl Gardner spoke in favor. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by:

(1) amending SECTION V. USE REGULATIONS by:

amending paragraph A. Applicability of Use Regulations by changing the last sentence to read, "Any use not listed in these regulations, unless otherwise listed in SECTION IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS, G. Wireless Communications Facilities, paragraph 3, or in I. Great Estate Preservation Development, paragraph 2, of this by-law, shall be construed to be prohibited."; and

amending D. Table of Use Regulations, within said Table under the heading RESIDENTIAL, by adding the use "Great Estate Preservation Development" and assigning a SPB designation for the RRA District column and a "-" designation for the remaining districts; and

(2) amending SECTION IX: SPECIAL REGULATIONS, by adding the following subsection:

"I. Great Estate Preservation Development (GEPD)

The following density standards and development requirements shall apply to a GEPD approved by a special permit from the Planning Board in lieu of the zoning provisions otherwise applicable in the RRA zoning district.

1. Purpose

The purposes of a Great Estate Preservation Development (GEPD) are to:

- a. encourage the preservation and appropriate development of the building and lands of the large estate properties in the RRA District;
- b. encourage the efficient use of such land in harmony with the natural features of the RRA District;
- c. provide an alternative to the subdivision of an estate property for residences;

- d. preserve open space for conservation or recreation use, and provide appropriate public access to said open space; and
- e. protect natural features which are important to the character of the town.

2. Permitted Uses.

The following uses may be permitted in a GEPD by special permit with site plan approval from the Planning Board, as set forth in this subsection:

- a. any use listed in the use schedule as an allowable use in the RRA District, whether by special permit or otherwise;
- b. hotel, conference center. (For the purposes of this subsection, a conference center is defined as a commercial establishment or designated area within a commercial establishment providing space for business or professional conferences, seminars, training or other meetings and customary hotel functions.);
- c. medical and dental clinics;
- d. health or fitness spa. (For the purposes of this subsection, a health or fitness spa is defined as a commercial establishment or designated area within a commercial establishment providing facilities devoted to health and fitness.);
- e. school for instruction in golf, tennis, or other sport; golf driving range;
- f. multi-family dwelling, provided that:

- (i) at least 50% of the units are limited to those over the age of 55 as described in M.G.L. Chapter 151B, Section 4(6);
- (ii) multi-family dwelling use shall not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the maximum floor area which may be developed pursuant to this GEPD zoning;
- (iii) at least 10% of the total units are affordable housing. (For the purposes of this subsection, affordable housing shall be defined as dwelling units which are rented or sold to, and occupied by, households earning up to 80% of the median area household income, as such median is defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Affordable rental units shall be "rent restricted", as such term is defined in the Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, Internal Revenue Code Section 42(g)(2), such that rents, including utilities, are set at no more than thirty (30) percent of the income limit, adjusted for bedroom size.);

- g. nursing homes;

- h. business and professional offices; and
- i. newsstand, retail shop, dining room or cafeteria, and similar accessory services intended primarily for occupants, employees or guests.

3. Density Standards

- a. Minimum Lot Size: A GEPD shall be permitted on a lot having an area of at least sixty (60) acres. Contiguous lots which each contain sixty (60) acres may be combined for inclusion in a GEPD. To prevent assembly of small parcels of land for the sole purpose of qualifying as a GEPD, lots which on December 31, 1996, contained less than sixty (60) acres shall not be included in a GEPD. The calculation of minimum lot size shall be done in accordance with paragraph b.(iii) below.
- b. Floor Area of Development:
 - (i) New Floor Area: For the purposes of determining the total new floor area which may be developed on the lot, the applicant may construct new floor area in the development such that the total resulting floor area does not exceed the product of 3,800 square feet times the number of dwelling units which could be developed under normal application of one-acre zoning requirements under the "Town of Ipswich Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land" and in accordance with SECTION VI. of this Zoning By-Law. The applicant shall provide with the application for special permit a site plan with verifiable soil tests indicating the number of buildable lots possible under one-acre zoning, the State Environmental Code, Title V, the requirements of the Board of Health, the Wetlands Protection Act, and the Ipswich Wetlands Protection By-Law and Rules and Regulations. Such soil tests shall be conducted as if they were actually percolation tests in accordance with the above-referenced requirements and shall be verified and attested to by a registered professional engineer.
 - (ii) Additional Floor Area for Rehabilitation of Existing Buildings: If, as part of the development, the applicant rehabilitates or renovates existing buildings on the lot, the new floor area to be developed on the lot may be increased by five (5) square feet for every square foot of floor space in buildings to be rehabilitated or renovated. This density bonus shall apply only if all existing buildings determined by the Planning Board to have historic or architectural significance are to be rehabilitated or renovated. The Planning Board shall seek a recommendation from the Historical Commission

prior to determining the historic or architectural significance of an existing building.

- (iii) Wetlands/Coastal Exclusion: For a lot which contains wetlands and/or flood plain, or which is subject to the Rivers Protection Act, only one-half the area which is designated as wetlands and/or flood plain, or is subject to the Rivers Protection Act, may be considered in the lot area calculations. For the purposes of determining lot area, the Federal Insurance Flood Plain Maps (FIRM) and the Town of Ipswich General Wetlands By-Laws shall be used to determine flood plain, wetlands, and areas subject to the Rivers Protection Act.
- (iv) Maximum Density: The total allowable floor area obtained through the application of the formulae described in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, shall not exceed ten (10%) of the area of the lot.

4. Development Requirements.

- a. Town Water: The development shall be served by a water system deemed adequate for fire protection and domestic use by the Water Commissioners and by the Fire Chief.
- b. Sanitary Sewer/Septic: The development shall be served by the Town's sanitary sewer system or by one or more on-site disposal systems conforming to the State Environmental Code, Title V and the regulations of the Board of Health. If, however, in the judgment of the Board, the topography and/or soil conditions are such that it would be more efficient to allow (i) a private central sanitary sewer system, notwithstanding the lot's location in a Water Supply District, and/or (ii) allow an underground common septic system or individual septic systems to be placed in the preserved open space, this configuration may be permitted. Prior to making such judgment, the Planning Board shall seek the review and recommendations of the Board of Health, Department of Utilities, Board of Water Commissioners, and the Conservation Commission. If a GEPD is located within a Water Supply District and a private central sanitary sewer system is proposed, the Planning Board shall not approve a special permit under this SECTION unless and until said system shall have received a favorable recommendation from the Board of Water Commissioners, which recommendation shall not be unreasonably withheld. All systems are further subject to approval by the Board of Health and any other governmental authority having jurisdiction.
- c. Open Space Restriction: A minimum of thirty (30%) percent of the lot shall either be:
 - (i) conveyed to the Town of Ipswich and accepted by it for open space use;

- (ii) conveyed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as part of a state forest, park, or wildlife management area;
- (iii) conveyed to a non-profit corporation, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, and made subject to a conservation restriction prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 31 and 33, inclusive, of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- (iv) made subject to a conservation restriction prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 31 and 33, inclusive, of Chapter 184 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts running in favor of the Town and which shall provide that such land shall be kept, in perpetuity, in an open or natural state, in accordance with the above-noted sections of Chapter 184 of the General Laws.

In designating the open space, the applicant shall apply the guidelines adopted by the Planning Board in May of 1997, entitled CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING PROPOSED OPEN SPACE. At least a portion of the open space shall be available for use by the general public, unless the applicant can provide compelling reasons to the Planning Board why such access would be infeasible. If it is deemed necessary to achieve the purposes of this subsection, the Planning Board may increase the open space minimum requirement by not more than 10%.

d. Dimensional Regulations:

- (i) a minimum of one hundred (100) feet shall be provided between a GEPD and abutting lots and, a buffer strip consisting of landscaped area with a minimum depth of one hundred (100) feet shall be provided between the GEPD and any street. An entry drive, along with a gate house and appropriate signage, may be permitted within the buffer strip. If a boundary line of the GEPD is adjacent to permanent open space, such as Town, State, Federal or privately-restricted open space, the first thirty (30) feet of the setback from such open space shall be a landscaped buffer. The Planning Board may decrease or increase by not more than twenty (20%) percent any buffer area requirement if, after site plan review by the Board, the Board deems such action to be reasonable and appropriate.
- (ii) the area developed for commercial use, including buildings, parking, outdoor recreational structures, and areas paved for vehicular use, shall not exceed twenty (20%) percent of the total area of the lot. Walking or bicycle trails shall not be counted in the calculation of the twenty (20%) thirty (30%)

percent limitation.

- (iii) the development shall be subject to site plan review in accordance with the provisions of SECTION X.
- (iv) newly constructed or renovated buildings in a GEPD may be four stories in height, provided that the building height does not exceed the maximum height allowed under SECTION VI. G.2. of this by-law.
- (v) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Zoning By-Law, in granting a special permit and site plan approval for a GEPD, the Planning Board may reduce any of the foregoing dimensional requirements, or increase the height requirement, to a maximum of twenty-five (25) percent.

e. Streets and Further Subdivision: Any subdivision of the GEPD which is subject to MGL C.41 shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in the Town of Ipswich. After issuance of a GEPD special permit and site plan approval, and establishment of the required open space for the GEPD, as a whole, the GEPD may be subdivided into lots which may be less than sixty (60) acres and may be held in separate ownership, provided that each portion of the subdivided site remains subject to all of the applicable terms and conditions of

- (i) the GEPD special permit, and
- (ii) the site plan approval for the improvements on such portion of the site.

f. Phasing: Phasing of the GEPD shall be permitted either pursuant to phasing described in the initial special permit application or in subsequent special permit or site plan review applications. The special permit and site plan approval shall not be deemed to have lapsed so long as the applicant shall have commenced use of the Great Estate Preservation special permit or site plan approval in substantial accordance with the phasing time frames set forth in the special permit and site plan approval application.

5. Special Permit Application Process

All special permit applications for GEPD shall be made and filed on the appropriate application form. For an application to be considered complete, it shall provide all information required by the Rules and Regulations Governing Granting of Special Permits, available from the Department of Planning and Development, and by any regulations adopted in accordance with paragraph 9. below.

The special permit application shall also be accompanied by nine (9) copies of a site development report, which shall

summarize how the proposed GEPD satisfies the special permit criteria being considered by the Planning Board. The site development report should include, at minimum, an outline of how the following issues will be addressed by the development: (a) pedestrian and vehicular access to the site; (b) public safety issues; (c) provision of landscaping/buffering; (d) protection of wildlife habitats; (e) provision of utilities; (f) open space and recreation; (g) water supply and drainage issues; (h) layout and density of site development; (i) the historic and/or architectural significance of existing buildings; and (j) building design and materials. To the extent possible, the information provided in the report shall be shown in map form, accompanied by written narrative.

6. Review Criteria

In addition to applying the Special Permit general conditions described in SECTION XI., subsection J., of this Zoning By-Law, and the standards, requirements, or conditions set forth in this SECTION IX. I., the Board shall review the special permit application in accordance with the following criterion: the proposed GEPD will, by its design and layout, succeed in (a) preserving open space for conservation and/or recreation purposes, and providing appropriate public access to the open space; (b) protecting natural features of the land which are important to the character of the town; and (c) preserving the buildings of the large estate properties in the RRA District.

7. Preliminary Review

Prior to submitting a special permit application to the Planning Board for a GEPD, the applicant is strongly encouraged to submit a preliminary concept plan for review by the Planning Board and a Development Review Committee appointed by the Town Manager. The preliminary review shall provide an opportunity for the applicant to identify early in the process the preferences of the Planning Board and Review Committee relative to the development of the site. The Review Committee shall include the chairs of the Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, Bay Circuit Trail Committee, and Historical Commission, or their designees; the Directors of the Town Departments of Utilities, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Public Safety, and Planning & Development; a professional architect; a professional landscape architect; and a professional civil engineer.

The preliminary concept plan should show: (a) the location, height, density, and architectural treatment of all buildings proposed for construction or renovation; (b) the size, location and proposed use of the open space; (c) the location

of all access roads within and without the GEPD; (d) the type and probable location of the proposed utilities; and (e) a delineation of any wetlands or other environmentally-sensitive land on the property.

8. Advisory Opinion

Within ten days (10) of receipt of a special permit application for a GEPD, the Planning Board shall transmit a copy of the application to the aforementioned Development Review Committee, which shall review the application and submit its recommendation to the Planning Board within thirty-five (35) days of the referral of the application.

9. Adoption of Rules and Regulations:

The Board shall adopt an application form and rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Said rules and regulations shall specify the application process, type and number of required plans, and general requirements in order to assist the developer in complying with the intent of this subsection."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Chairman Leslie Brooks moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 10 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting, and revised as follows:

by amending part (2) of the article as follows:

(1) amend "1. Purpose" by adding, after the sentence under "a.", the following language: "(For the purposes of this subsection, a Great Estate is defined as an architecturally significant residence and its formal landscape features and supporting structures, constructed prior to 1948 and situated on a minimum of sixty (60) acres)";

and by adding "b", to read as follows: "b. recognize and preserve the design integrity of landscape features, both natural and built, which contribute to the character of a Great Estate."; and by relettering "b.", "c.", "d.", and "e.", to "c.", "d.", "e.", and "f.", respectively; and

(2) amend "2. Permitted Uses.", by adding, after the sentence under "e.", the following language: ", provided it is affiliated with a golf course which is a component of the GEPD"; and

by deleting the first two words of "f.(ii)", "multi-family", and substituting in lieu thereof the word "residential";

by adding, after the sentence under "f.(i)", the following

language: "Any special permit approval shall include a condition which describes an appropriate method of ensuring that this provision is satisfied;" and

by deleting the language under "i." and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "i. retail shops, dining facilities, and similar accessory uses primarily to serve occupants, employees or guests."; and

(3) amend "3. Density Standards.", by

amending "a. Minimum Lot Size" as follows:

in the first sentence, replace "shall" with the word "may"; after the words "permitted on", add the words ": (i) a lot having"; add, to the end of the first sentence, the phrase "which has remained substantially unchanged in lot configuration and size since December 31, 1996."; delete the third sentence in its entirety; and add, after the final sentence, the following language: "(ii.) a great estate as defined in 1.a. above; and (iii.) buildings constructed prior to December 31, 1996 which contain in aggregate a minimum of 40,000 square feet of existing floor area. For the purposes of this subsection, floor area is defined as the aggregate gross floor area of all floors within all principal and all accessory buildings."

amending "b. Floor Area of Development" as follows:

delete "3,800" from the first sentence under "(i)" and substitute in lieu thereof "3,000";

delete, from the heading for "(ii)", the word "Area", and substitute in lieu thereof the word "Space",

delete, from the second sentence under "(ii)", the words "all existing buildings determined by the Planning Board to have" and add immediately thereafter the words "the Great Estate and supporting structures, which are certified by the Historical Commission as having";

delete the final sentence under "(ii)" and substitute in lieu thereof the following language: "The Planning Board shall refer to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings for guidance when reviewing the buildings which have been, or are proposed to be, rehabilitated or renovated."; and

delete from (iv) the words "ten percent (10%)" and substitute in lieu thereof "eight percent (8%)".

(4) amend "4. Development Requirements." by:

amending "d. Dimensional Regulations:" as follows:

add after "(i) a minimum", the word "setback";

add, to the end of the first sentence, the word "line";

add, to the third sentence under "(i)", after the words "privately-restricted open space," the words: "the Planning Board may require that the"; and delete, after "setback from such open space", the word "shall"; and

add, at the end of the sentence under "(v)", the phrase ", provided that in no instance shall a building contain more than four stories."; and

add a new paragraph, "(vi)", to read as follows: "(vi) newly constructed buildings in a GEPD, other than gatehouses, shall be setback at least two hundred and fifty feet (250) from a public way."; and

amending "f. Phasing" as follows:

add, to the first sentence, after "Phasing of the GEPD" the words ", as approved by the Planning Board,";

add, after the last sentence, the following sentence: "The Planning Board shall have the authority to require a performance bond or other similar mechanism if it determines that such a mechanism is necessary to ensure that the key components of the project are satisfactorily completed."

(5) amend "5. Special Permit Application Process" by:

adding, to the third sentence, after "accompanied by", the following language: "a certification from the Historical Commission of all historically and/or architecturally significant buildings, landscape features and supporting structures located on the site, said certification to be based on the criteria set forth in Chapter XVI of the General By-Laws of the Town of Ipswich; and by"; and

adding, to the fourth sentence, after "at minimum", the following language: "an inventory of natural resource features, wildlife and their habitat; an inventory of the Great Estate consistent with current standards required for documentation for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, and a general inventory of all other existing buildings, structures and landscape features;" and after "the following issues", adding the words "and impacts"; and deleting (i) in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following language: "the preservation and rehabilitation of the exterior features, character and structural integrity of the Great Estate, and the

open space, vistas, stonework, gardens, and other historic landscape features and supporting structures associated with the Great Estate; and"; and adding, after "(j) building design and materials", the phrase ", including exterior elevations of existing and proposed buildings."

(6) amend "6. Review Criteria" by:

adding to (c), after the words "preserving the buildings," the following language: "structures, and landscape features";

(7) amend "7. Preliminary Review" by:

adding to (c) in the second paragraph, after the words "the location of all existing", the following language "and proposed parking areas and"; and

adding, after the sentence under "(e)", the following sentence: "The preliminary concept plan should be accompanied by a certification from the Historical Commission of all historically and/or architecturally significant buildings, landscape features and supporting structures located on the site, said certification to be based on the criteria set forth in Chapter XVI of the General By-Laws of the Town of Ipswich."

(8) amend "8. Advisory Opinion" by:

deleting, from the first sentence, "thirty-five (35)" and substituting in lieu thereof the words "forty-five (45)";

adding, after the first sentence, the following language: "The Committee's review of the special permit application shall be based on the site plan review criteria set forth in SECTION X. of the Protective Zoning By-Law." Seconded.

Ms. Brooks and Mr. Ziegler spoke in favor. Planning Board, Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended. The Finance Committee voted 7 to 1 in favor with one abstention.

Cathy Savoie moved to amend Article Ten, the Great Estate Preservation Development By-Law, as follows: (1st Amendment)

Amending Paragraph 1(a), in the parenthetical defining a Great Estate, by changing the language from "sixty (60) acres" to "two hundred (200) acres";

Amending Paragraph 3(a)(i), regarding minimum lot size, by changing the language from "sixty (60) acres" (wherever it appears) to "two hundred (200) acres". Seconded.

Cathy Savoie moved to amend Article Ten, the Great Estate Preservation By-Law, by revising Paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(2nd Amendment)

8. Advisory Opinion[s]

Within ten (10) days of receipt of a special permit application for a GEPD, the Planning Board shall transmit a copy[ies] of the application to the aforementioned Development Review Committee [and to the Historical Commission,] which shall review the application and submit [their] recommendation[s] to the Planning Board within forty-five (45) days of the referral of the application. The Committee's review of the special permit application shall be based on the site plan review criteria set forth in SECTION X. of the Protective Zoning By-Law. Seconded. (Note: The new changes proposed by this amendment are bracketed)

Mrs. Savoie spoke on the article and was asked by the Moderator to speak on the amendments only. She spoke in favor of the amendments. The Moderator asked if anyone else wanted to speak on the second amendment. Historical Commission member Bob Simmons spoke in favor of the second amendment. Board of Selectmen and Planning Board unanimously supported the second amendment. The Finance Committee voted 8 in favor with 1 abstention on the second amendment. Motion carried by a simple majority voice vote on the second amendment.

The Finance Committee voted 8 in favor with 1 abstention on the first amendment. Board of Selectmen recommended 3 to 2 against the first amendment. The Planning Board supported the amendment. Glenn Warren, Mr. McNally and Mr. Engel spoke in favor of the first amendment. Motion carried by majority voice vote on the first amendment.

Mrs. Savoie and Mr. Simmons continued to speak on the article . She recommended a master plan be developed for all great estates before development begins. Mrs. Savoie said, "Turner Hill is a wake-up call and we should plan carefully for this growth."

Lenny Cavallaro moved for indefinite postponement. Seconded. Richard Kallman and Mr. Beagan spoke against indefinite postponement. The vote to indefinitely postpone was defeated by a majority voice vote.

Ipswich River Watershed Association director Kerry Mackin was concerned about water. She said, "There will be more demand for water, at least three or four times more than with single-family homes." Although, Ms. Mackin said she supported the concept of mixed-use development. Open Space Committee Chairman Glenn Hazelton spoke in support of the main motion as amended. The question was moved, seconded and so voted. On a hand count with 313 in favor and 15 against, the main motion as amended (two amendments) passed.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending SECTION VI. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS, subsection "I. Frontage Exception for Larger Lots", as follows:

(1) add the following sentence to paragraph d., after "The building setbacks are fifty (50%) percent greater than otherwise required in the RRA District.": "The building setbacks shall be measured from the property lines of that portion of the lot which complies with the lot width requirement established in subsection G., Paragraph 4 of this SECTION VI." and

(2) delete paragraph e. and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"e. There is not more than one other such lot contiguous to any portion of the lot."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board member John Beagan moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending SECTION VI. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS, subsection "I. Frontage Exception for Larger Lots", as presented in Article 11 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting. Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending SECTION IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS, D. Flood Plain District as follows:

(1) delete the first two sentences under the heading and substitute in lieu thereof the following paragraphs:

"1. Purpose: The purposes of the Flood Plain District are to:

- a. Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury;
- b. Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials;
- c. Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding;
- d. Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network

and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding;

- e. Eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions; and
- f. Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters.

2. Applicability

The Flood Plain District is established as an overlay district to all other zoning districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit, shall be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following:

Section 3107 of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses flood plain and coastal high hazard areas (as of August 1, 1997, 708 CMR 2102.0, "Flood Resistant Construction");

Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (as of August 1, 1997, 310 CMR 10.00);

Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (as of August 1, 1997, 302 CMR 6.00);

Coastal Wetlands Restriction (as of August 1, 1997, 302 CMR 4.00); and

Minimum requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage. (as of August 1, 1997, 310 CMR 15, Title 5).

Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above-referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required procedures of the applicable state regulations.

(2) renumber the paragraph entitled "Development Requirements" from "1" to "2."; and

(3) delete paragraph, "e", under subsection 1., and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"e. Incorporated herein by reference are the following: The Flood Insurance Study, Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, October 17, 1984, on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, dated August 5, 1985, and revised July 2, 1992, on file in the office of the Department of Planning & Development."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Chairman Leslie Brooks moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending SECTION IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS, D. Flood Plain District as presented in Article 12 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting. Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending SECTION VIII. SIGNS, as follows:

(1) amend subsection C. Definitions by:

a. revising the definition of "Illumination" by deleting the final sentence, and substituting in lieu thereof the following: "Externally-lit signs are allowed as of right; internally-lit signs, including enclosed or protected neon signs, are allowed only by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Exposed illuminated neon signs, as well as all flashing, changing, or intermittent signs (except for time/temperature signs and holiday decorations), are expressly prohibited."; and

b. revising paragraph 2.(b) under the definition of Temporary Signs by deleting the phrase "shall be no greater than thirty (30) square feet in area if placed across a public street;" and substituting in lieu thereof the following phrase: "shall be no greater than seventy-five (75) square feet in area if placed across a public street;"; and

(2) amend subsection D. Sign Requirements per Zoning District by:

a. amending paragraph 1. by deleting from (f) the phrase "the sign shall be no closer than ten (10) feet to the street line", and substituting in lieu thereof the following phrase: "shall be no closer than five (5) feet to the edge of street pavement,";

b. amending paragraph 3. by deleting from (d) the phrase "the sign shall not be located within ten (10) feet of the street line", and substituting in lieu thereof the following phrase: "shall not be located within five (5) feet of the edge of street pavement,"; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board member John Beagan moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending "SECTION VIII. SIGNS" as presented in Article 13 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting, and revised as follows:

by deleting, under part (1) of the article, paragraph "a." in its entirety. Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending "SECTION VI. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS B. Table of Dimensional and Density Regulations." by:

(1) replacing the dimensional and density values for multi-family uses assigned to "Highway Business" within said Table and substituting in lieu thereof the following dimensional and density values:

" Use	Min.Lot Area	Min.Lot Width	Min.Lot Frontage	<u>Min. Yard</u> <u>Front</u> <u>Side</u> <u>Rear</u>			Max. Bldg. Area	Min. Open Space
multi- family	25,000+ 5,000 s.f./DU";	125	100	50	20	25	30	50

(2) replacing the dimensional and density values for multi-family uses assigned to "Business" within said Table and substituting in lieu thereof the following dimensional and density values:

" Use	Min.Lot Area	Min.Lot Width	Min.Lot Frontage	<u>Min. Yard</u> <u>Front</u> <u>Side</u> <u>Rear</u>			Max. Bldg. Area	Min. Open Space
multi- family	5,000+ 2,500 s.f. /DU up to six units and 5,000 s.f./DU for each unit over six";	50	50	0	10 ⁵	20	80	5

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Chairman Leslie Brooks moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending "SECTION VI. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS B. Table of Dimensional and Density Regulations." as presented in Article 14 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting. Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by amending SECTION II. APPLICABILITY by adding a part D., to read as follows:

"D. Municipal Construction Projects

Municipal construction projects shall comply with all the requirements of this Protective Zoning By-Law, as amended, before the Town shall grant a building permit. No variation from the provisions of this by-law shall be allowed unless and until the municipality has obtained any and all variances and/or special permits as may be required in accordance with the provisions set forth elsewhere herein. For the purposes of this subsection, a municipal construction project means any development project, including demolition, building, construction, alteration, installation or addition, undertaken by the municipality directly by or through any agency, authority, department, division, or subset thereof."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board member John Beagan moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 15 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting. Seconded.

Planning Board and Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended. The majority of the Finance Committee supported the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by:

(1) amending SECTION V. USE SCHEDULE D. Table of Use Regulations., within said Table under the heading RESIDENTIAL by revising the use "Multi-family dwelling" by adding a footnote "19" after the SPB designations under the IR, B, and HB columns; said footnote 19 to read as follows:

"19. Multi-family residential developments involving twenty-one (21) or more bedrooms, or eleven (11) or more dwelling units, are subject to the Inclusionary Housing Requirements in SECTION IX.H. of this zoning by-law."

(2) amending Section IX. SPECIAL REGULATIONS, by adding the following subsection:

"H. Inclusionary Housing Requirements

1. Purpose and Intent

The requirements of this subsection are established for the purpose of:

- a. increasing the supply of housing in the Town of Ipswich which is permanently available to and affordable by low and moderate income households;
- b. encouraging a greater diversity of housing accommodations to meet the needs of families and other Ipswich residents; and
- c. developing and maintaining a satisfactory proportion of the Town's housing stock as affordable units.

2. Applicability

These Inclusionary Housing Requirements shall apply to all multi-family residential developments involving twenty-one (21) or more bedrooms, or eleven (11) or more dwelling units. A development project shall not be segmented to avoid compliance with these requirements.

3. Requirements

All residential developments subject to this subsection shall be required to set aside ten percent (10%) of the total number of dwelling units provided on the site as affordable housing. Affordable housing shall be defined as dwelling units which are rented or sold to, and occupied by, households earning up to 80% of the median area household income, as such median is defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Affordable rental units shall be "rent restricted" as such term is defined in the Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, Internal Revenue Code Section 42(g)(2), such that rents, including utilities, are set at no more than thirty percent (30%) of the income limit, adjusted for bedroom size.

4. Conditions of Approval

a. Continued Affordability

Any special permit approval of a project subject to this subsection I. shall contain a condition requiring the recipient to ensure the long-term affordability of those units which meet the definition of affordable housing. The method employed for ensuring the long-term affordability of these units shall be limited to either

a deed covenant or a transference of ownership of the property to a local land trust. The method selected by the owner shall be subject to the approval by the Planning Board.

b. Comparability

Affordable units shall be dispersed throughout the site and shall be indistinguishable from market-rate units except in size, interior finish, fixtures and appliances.

c. Family Units

Except as otherwise provided by the Planning Board, affordable units shall contain a minimum of two (2) bedrooms and shall be in every way suitable for family occupancy.

5. Off-site Location

With the approval of the Planning Board, the inclusionary housing requirement may be met through the provision of some or all of the required affordable units on an alternative site or sites suitable for housing use. Affordable off-site units shall be newly created and at least equal in number to the affordable units which would have been provided on-site. Affordable off-site units required by this subsection may be located in an existing structure, provided that their construction constitutes a net increase in the number of dwelling units contained in the structures. Affordable units provided through this provision shall comply, in all respects other than on-site location, with the requirements of this subsection.

6. Compliance

a. Permit Conditions

No special permit shall be issued without appropriate restrictions to ensure that the provisions of this subsection are made binding upon the applicant.

b. Occupancy Conditions

No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any market-rate units in a development covered by this subsection until all deed covenants and/or other documents necessary to ensure compliance by the applicant with the requirements of this subsection have been executed.";

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Chairman Leslie Brooks moved that the Town vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 16 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting. Seconded.

Planning Board and Board of Selectmen unanimously recommended. The Finance Committee voted 8 in favor with 1 abstention. Questions on enforcement were answered with "Building Inspector". Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich by:

(1) amending SECTION V. USE SCHEDULE D. Table of Use Regulations., FOOTNOTES TO USE REGULATIONS by:

revising footnote 2. by deleting the phrase "screened by a solid fence from adjoining properties," and by substituting in lieu thereof the phrase "screened from adjoining properties by a solid fence erected in conformance with footnote 19 below,";

revising footnote 8. by adding, after the phrase "screened from outside view by a solid fence and gate at least ten (10) feet in height," the following phrase: "erected in conformance with footnote 19 below,";

revising footnote 11. by deleting the phrase "screened by a solid fence from adjoining properties," and substituting in lieu thereof the phrase "screened from adjoining properties by a solid fence erected in conformance with footnote 19 below,";

revising footnote 13. by adding, after "inground swimming pool", the phrase "and above-ground pool with a rim less than four feet in height", and by adding, after the first sentence, the following: "The required fence shall be erected in conformance with footnote 19 below,";

and by adding a footnote, "19", to read as follows:

"19. Fences or walls shall be subject to the following requirements:

- a) Fences or walls along the rear or side lines of any lot shall not exceed six (6) feet in height except by Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. For fences that extend beyond the required front yard setback (or the existing principal building, whichever is closer to the street), the building inspector shall have the authority to require that it be open and less than six feet in height. This requirement shall be based on a determination that the proposed fence

would create an undue safety or traffic hazard by reason of impeding minimum sight distance requirements as established by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

- c) All fences shall be installed so that the finished side faces the abutting properties.
- d) A building permit shall be obtained for installing any fence four feet in height or greater.
- e) All applications for fence installation shall include a plot plan showing the location of the proposed fencing."; and

(2) amending "SECTION VI. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS B. Table of Dimensional and Density Regulations. TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REGULATIONS FOOTNOTES" by revising footnote 17. to delete the word "fences"; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board member John Beagan moved to see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Law of the Town of Ipswich as presented in Article 17 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting, and revised as follows:

(1) by amending footnote "19" under part (1) of the article by:

deleting the first sentence of paragraph (a) in its entirety;

deleting the first three words of the second sentence in paragraph (a) and substituting in lieu thereof the words "For fences"; and

adding to the end of the sentence in paragraph (c) the following phrase: "which extends beyond the required front yard setback (or the existing principal building, whichever is closer to the street)." Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to accept Longspur Road as a town street, as shown on plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan, Longspur Road, Ipswich, Massachusetts, drawn by Andrew Agapow, Registered Land Surveyor, dated September 26, 1997", said plan being on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board member John Beagan moved that the Town vote (1) to accept Longspur Road as a town street, as presented in Article 18 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting, and (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town. Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to accept Ashley Lane as a town street as shown on the "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Owner: A.C. Builders, scale: 1" to 40 feet, dated July 15, 1993 and revised on September 16, October 14, and November 12, 1993, prepared and stamped by Peter J. Ogren, registered professional land surveyor and professional engineer, and recorded at the Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 287, Plan 32, a copy of which plan is on file in the office of the Town Clerk (hereinafter "Ashley Lane"); and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift said street to use for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board Chairman Leslie Brooks moved that the Town vote:

(1) to accept Ashley Lane as a town street as presented in Article 19 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting; and (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift said street to use for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town. Seconded.

Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote (1) to accept Adeline Drive and Alderson Drive as town streets as shown on the "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Owner: Adeline A. Perley Trust, scale: 1" to 40 feet, dated May 27, 1993, and revised on 7/6/93, 7/13/93, 7/19/93, 7/30/93, 8/5/93 and 8/25/93, prepared by Civil Environmental Consultants, Bruce P. Eaton, Registered Professional Land Surveyor and James Alfred O'Day, Professional Engineer, and recorded at the Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 287, Plan 32, a copy of which plan is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; and (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift an easement to use said streets for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town; or to take any other relative action thereto.

Planning Board Chairman Leslie Brooks moved that action on this article be postponed indefinitely. Seconded. Motion to indefinitely postpone action on this article carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to designate the following parcels of land, each having been acquired by the Town by tax title, to be under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission: in the area of Marsh Hundreds (Assessor's Map 6, Lot 12); 106 Jeffrey's Neck Road (Assessor's Map 23A, Lot 3); and in the area of Topsfield Road (Assessor's Map 52, Lot 3); or to take any other action relative thereto.

Conservation Committee member Wayne Castonguay moved that the Town vote to designate the following parcels of land, each having been acquired by the Town by tax title, to be under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission: in the area of the Marsh Hundreds (Assessor's Map 6, Lot 12); 17 Beachview Road (Assessor's Map 22D, Lot 18); 106 Jeffrey's Neck Road (Assessor's Map 23A, Lot 3); and 19 Hodges Way (Assessor's Map 23C, Lot 16C). The motion was seconded and then withdrawn.

Mr. Castonguay then moved that the Town vote to designate the following parcels of land, each having been acquired by the Town by tax title, to be under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission: in the area of the Marsh Hundreds (Assessor's Map 6, Lot 12); 106 Jeffrey's Neck Road (Assessor's Map 23A, Lot 3); and in the area of Topsfield Road (Assessor's Map 52, Lot 3). The corrected motion was seconded.

Planning Board, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission unanimously recommended the motion as restated. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to designate a certain way located in the area of Town Farm Road "Highland Cemetery Drive" as under the care, custody and control of the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners; said way having been determined by the Land Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as not being a public way (Prisby v. Planning Board); or to take any other action relative thereto.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen James Engel moved that the Town vote to designate a certain way located in the area of Town Farm Road "Highland Cemetery Drive" as under the care, custody and control of the Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners; said way having been determined by the Land Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as not being a public way (Prisby v. Planning

Board; Misc. Case # 189333). Seconded.

Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and Planning Board unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the property described below to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey, for a minimum purchase price of \$8,000, a thirteen-foot wide, 546+/- square foot portion of Parcel 107 on Assessor's Map 42A, subject to the following conditions: (1) that the land be surveyed to determine the exact boundaries of the property, said survey to be done at the expense of the purchaser; (2) that the purchaser erect a fence, of a type approved by the Town's Open Space Committee, along the southern boundary of the parcel; (3) that the purchaser post a bond equivalent to the cost of erecting said fence, which shall be available to the Town if the fence is not erected within twelve months (12) of the sale of the property; and (4) that the proceeds from the sale be placed in the Conservation Fund established under General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, to be used for the purpose of funding improvements to riverfront areas; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Brad Hill moved that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody and control of the property described below to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey, for a minimum purchase price of \$8,000, a thirteen-foot wide, 546+/- square foot portion of Parcel 107 on Assessor's Map 42A, subject to the following conditions: (1) that the land be surveyed to determine the exact boundaries of the property, said survey to be done at the expense of the purchaser; (2) that the purchaser erect a fence, of a type approved by the Town's Open Space Committee, along the northern boundary of the parcel conveyed pursuant to this authorization; (3) that the purchaser post a bond equivalent to the cost of erecting said fence, which shall be available to the Town if the fence is not erected within twelve months of the sale of the property; and (4) that the proceeds from the sale be placed in the Conservation Fund established under General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, to be used for the purpose of funding improvements to riverfront areas. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen voted 4 to 1 in favor. The Finance Committee approved the article by a slim majority because town officials had been negotiating in good faith with the family for over two years. The Planning Board and Open Space Committee recommended in favor.

Finance Committee Chairman Clark Ziegler said, "The lot on County

Street is not a park, it doesn't look like a park and was never used as a park." Carl Gardner, using an overhead projector and screen, showed the plot plan of the strip of town-owned land on County Street and spoke against the sale of the property. Joni Soffron, one of the dissenters on the Finance Committee, asked whether the Rivers Protection Act would permit a driveway to be constructed on that land. Conservation Committee member Wayne Castonguay said no, but added that the Maguires had made their request prior to the act's passage and would have been grandfathered in. Bill Maguire disclosed his desire to purchase the

lot in order to build a driveway and install a side door for a second entrance. Former Planning Board Chairman Barbara Ostberg spoke against the sale of the property and read a letter from former Finance Committee member Alice Shurcliff, who offered to buy the entire piece of property for \$30,000 and give it back to the town for a park. Moderator Grimes ruled the letter out of order since it was not on the warrant. Finance Committee member John Bruni, a neighbor of the Maguires, spoke for the Maguires. Selectman Pat McNally, the only selectman to vote against the article, suggested the entire area be transformed into a park. Finance Committee member Ray Morley agreed with Mr. McNally. An amendment handed to the Moderator was ruled out of order. The question was moved, seconded and so voted. On a hand count with 112 in favor and 102 against, the motion failed by 52 percent vote. (2/3 majority was received)

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote: (1) to appropriate a sum of money to acquire a parcel of land located in the Dow Reservoir watershed off High Street, believed to be owned by Stephen J. Hussar and Ann K. Novak-Hussar (Assessors Map 20C, Lot 5) as recorded at Essex (South District) Registry of Deeds, Book 8946, Page 239); (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said parcel by purchase, gift, or otherwise; and (3) to determine whether said appropriation shall be met by the transfer of available funds or shall be raised by taxes; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Conservation Committee member Wayne Castonguay moved that the Town vote: (1) to appropriate \$15,100 to acquire a parcel of land located in the Dow Reservoir watershed off High Street, believed to be owned by Stephen J. Hussar and Ann K. Novak-Hussar (Assessors Map 20C, Lot 5) as recorded at Essex (South District) Registry of Deeds, Book 8946, Page 239); (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire said parcel by purchase, gift, or otherwise; and (3) to raise this appropriation by transfer of \$15,100 from Water Surplus. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Conservation Commission and Planning Board unanimously recommended. Motion carried by

unanimous voice vote.

PARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey for a minimum purchase price to be established by Town Meeting and to execute any and all necessary instruments for a parcel of land situate in the area of Seaview Road (Assessor's Map 22D, Parcel 92); or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Pat McNally moved that the Town vote: (1) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey, subject to a surface and subsurface drainage easement and a scenic vista easement reserved by the Town, a parcel of land situate in the area of Seaview Road (Assessor's Map 22D, Parcel 92), for a minimum purchase price of \$1,000; and (2) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all necessary instruments therefor; the proceeds from the sale of said land to be placed in the Conservation Fund. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board unanimously recommended. Motion carried by simple majority voice vote.

PARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Ipswich, "CHAPTER XI GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS", "Section 13. Licenses and Permits - Revocation or Suspension for Non-Payment of Taxes or Assessments",

subsection "(a)", in the sixth line by inserting a comma after the word "charges" and by inserting the words "including amounts assessed under the provisions of Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws," immediately thereafter; and

subsection "(b)", in the first line after the word "suspend", by inserting the words "a building permit, or"; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Edward Rauscher moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Ipswich, "CHAPTER XI GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS", "Section 13. Licenses and Permits - Revocation or Suspension for Non-Payment of Taxes or Assessments" as presented in Article 26 of the Warrant for the October 20, 1997, Special Town Meeting. Seconded.

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, to adopt an order under Section 10(a) thereof proposing the following amendment to the Town Charter, subject to the approval of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 10(c) thereof, to be submitted to the voters in accordance with Section 11 thereof at that part of the next Annual Town Meeting devoted to balloting in 1998:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter (Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1966) by deleting Section 16 thereof, entitled "Board of Public Welfare"; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Brad Hill moved that the Town vote, under the provisions of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, to adopt an order under Section 10(a) thereof proposing the following amendment to the Town Charter, subject to the approval of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 10(c) thereof, to be submitted to the voters in accordance with Section 11 thereof at that part of the next Annual Town Meeting devoted to balloting in 1998: amend the Town Charter (Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1966) by deleting Section 16 thereof, entitled "Board of Public Welfare." Seconded.

Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. (This requires a majority vote in the 4/13/98 referendum.)

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, to adopt an order under Section 10(a) thereof proposing the following amendment to the Town Charter, subject to the approval of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 10(c) thereof, to be submitted to the voters in accordance with Section 11 thereof at that part of the next Annual Town Meeting devoted to balloting in 1998:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter (Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1966) by adding the following paragraph to Section 13 "Boards and Offices to be Appointed by the Town Manager":

"The director of the Ipswich Public Library shall be appointed by the town manager with the approval of the Board of Library Trustees. The town manager may remove the director of the Ipswich Public Library, with the approval of the Board of Library Trustees, for just cause, following a hearing."; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman Brad Hill moved that the Town vote, under the provisions of Chapter 43B of the General Laws of Massachusetts,

to adopt an order under Section 10(a) thereof proposing the following amendment to the Town Charter, subject to the approval of the Attorney General pursuant to Section 10(c) thereof, to be submitted to the voters in accordance with Section 11 thereof at that part of the next Annual Town Meeting devoted to balloting in 1998: amend the Town Charter (Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1966) by adding the following paragraph to Section 13 "Boards and Offices to be Appointed by the Town Manager":

"The director of the Ipswich Public Library shall be appointed by the town manager with the approval of the Board of Library Trustees. The director of the Ipswich Public Library shall be appointed by the town manager with the approval of the Board of Library Trustees. The town manager may remove the director of the Ipswich Public Library, with the approval of the board of library trustees, for just cause, following a hearing." Seconded.

The motion was amended and seconded to delete the (duplicative) second sentence, "The director of the Ipswich Public Library shall be appointed by the town manager with the approval of the Board of Library Trustees."

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee unanimously recommended the amended motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote on the amended motion. (This requires a majority vote in the 4/13/98 referendum.)

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to reconsider any or all previous articles raising and/or appropriating money contained in this warrant for the purpose of completing a budget which is balanced and in compliance with the levy limit provisions of Proposition 2½, so called; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Selectman James Engel moved that this article be postponed indefinitely. Seconded. Motion to indefinitely postpone action on this article carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting was seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:09 a.m.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Office and at each of the meeting houses in the Town, and by publication at least fourteen (14) days prior to the time for holding said meeting in a newspaper published in, or having a general circulation in, the Town of Ipswich.

Given unto our hands this twenty-ninth day of September in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Seven.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

James R. Engel, Chair

Following municipal elections in April of 1997, the Board reorganized choosing James R. Engel as Chair and Edward B. Rauscher as Vice-Chair.

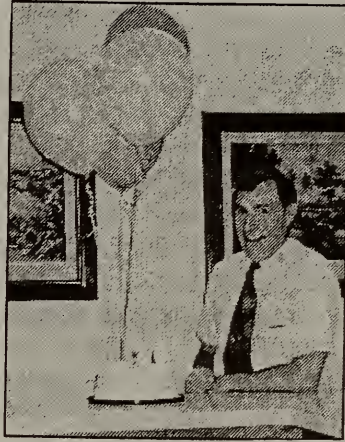
Beyond the usual cycle of business throughout the year, the Board of Selectmen encouraged and supported the efforts of the Town Manager and the municipal staff to address the issue of team building in a significant way during the year. Recognizing that the Board of Selectmen is an integral part of this process, the Board participated with Town staff in the development of a vision statement for the community. This vision statement and its resultant goals and objectives will serve as a blueprint for future decisions and choices made regarding Town services and initiatives. Contained within this activity were efforts to formalize the process by which the Town Manager's performance is evaluated by the Board of Selectmen. A key element of this newly established review procedure is the establishment of goals and objectives for the Manager based on the guiding principles agreed to in the vision statement.

Although not directly involved, the Board of Selectmen has been participating in the School Building Project by virtue of membership on the School Building Committee. This is in keeping with the concept of the new school being a school and community project. An associated issue is re-use of the Whipple Middle School building. The present schedule for the use of the middle school building is, at a minimum, through August of 1999. The School Committee is expected to declare the building as surplus, retaining custody of the playing fields and the annex building. At that point, the Board of Selectmen becomes responsible for the building. The Board has initiated the process of finding alternative uses for the facility and sees success in this area as essential to the retention of the Third District Court in Ipswich, a likely major tenant of a re-used facility.

Maintenance of the Cable Emergency Room continues to be a high priority item for the Board. Through the Cable Emergency Room Committee (and in particular the efforts of its chair, Mark Coltin) the Board has indicated to Beverly Hospital in no uncertain terms that the Town of Ipswich will insist on the facility being operated in accordance with prior agreements with the Town. At the same time, the Board has stated that it is open to suggested changes to that arrangement which may be of mutual benefit.

Through the year, the Board has also worked with the Coastal Pollution Control Committee acting on a large number of recommendations regarding reducing pollution of the Ipswich River and its important economic asset, the shellfish beds. A Town by-

law regulating the disposition of animal wastes and the installation of systems for treating direct discharges of storm water and surface drainage to the river were part of this effort.



Balloons and a chocolate cake marked the 20th anniversary of George E. Howe as town manager. He assumed the office on August 1, 1997.

TOWN MANAGER
George E. Howe

Department directors, the town manager, and in latter phases the Board of Selectmen engaged in several months of training aimed at improving teamwork and developing a Vision for the future of the Town. The Town's Vision: "Promoting an Outstanding Quality of Life" has been used as the basis for development of a consensus-based, thematically focused budget submission for Fiscal Year 1999.

In the realm of personnel management, the Town reached settlements with its clerical and fire unions for the current fiscal year. MIS director Dan Parker, Building Inspector Jim Sperber, Planning Assistant Paula Grillo, and Conservation Agent Kathryn Campbell joined the management team this past year. Service pins were issued to seventy-three employees with ten years or more of service with the Town. Dan Parker oversaw the installation of the Town Hall local area network.

An effort has been made this year to update the Town's various policies and to consolidate them in a readily accessible manual. An initiative was begun with The Trustees of Reservations to secure beach access privileges to non-resident business property owners. The soon-to-be-released Administrative Manual was updated and awaits final changes after citizen action in ballot referendum.

The Cable Hospital Emergency Room Ad Hoc Committee strenuously (and to date) successfully has helped preserve the presence of

the Cable Emergency Room on the same basis and financing as the Town has supported since it first entered into its contract with Beverly Hospital in 1987.

Several construction projects were commenced in 1997, among them additions to the Public Library and to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Repairs were completed on the Winthrop Street Bridge; and designs were prepared for a major overhaul to the County Street Bridge, hopefully the last major bridge renovation for a generation. Designs were commissioned for an addition to the Water Treatment Plant. Faced with a funding shortfall, we were unable to proceed with construction of an addition to the Central Fire Station to house the new Quint apparatus.

Market Street received major improvements this year, designed to make streetscape more pedestrian-friendly. Plans were developed for the footbridge over the Ipswich River, and for improvements to Central Street through Lord Square; both projects are anticipated to be commenced in the ensuing year.

In the area of planning and grant writing, Ipswich was successful in securing the third year of funding for the downtown revitalization; infrastructure and streetscape improvements; and some \$417,000 for construction of the footbridge as part of the riverwalk. A "one-stop shopping" manual was issued to help guide applicants through the permitting process for property development. A study was begun on potential re-use of the Middle School, occasioned by the new school construction and by the desire of the Trial Court to secure larger quarters in Ipswich for the Ipswich District Court.

Finally, but not least, several environmental initiatives were commenced this year: implementation of a bylaw designed to help reduce the problem of infiltration and inflow of extraneous flows into the Town's sanitary sewer system; installation of stormwater treatment facilities on County Street and Water Street; and design of a new force main for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Efforts were continued on behalf of the residents to help mitigate the adverse impacts of the commuter rail extension project, with respect to corridor screening and to delay of imposition of the railroad whistle rule.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - Charles D. Surpitski, Director

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Charles D. Surpitski, Chief of Police

The Police Department, as statistics below indicate, was extremely busy over the past year. Issues of disorder, violence, property crimes, traffic, and drugs continued to negatively impact the quality of life of our citizens.

The Department undertook a major initiative in the area of domestic violence. Awarded a grant from the United States Department of Justice, the Department extensively trained its officers in domestic violence law, investigation of the crime, and victimization. With the communities of Hamilton, Wenham, and Topsfield, and the private advocacy organization Help for Abused Women and Children (HAWC), we created a domestic violence response team of officers and advocates to ensure safe and judicial treatment for victims of this crime. Our accomplishments in this field are sure to become a national model.

The Department continued its innovative patrol strategies, the D.A.R.E. program, drug enforcement regional association, and increased traffic and parking enforcement efforts. We undertook an elderly outreach initiative that is being warmly received. We trained our officers in areas that will provide meaningful investigation of crimes, crime trends, and officer safety.

The Department, along with the Town of Topsfield and our computer vendor, was fortunate to receive a major grant to study the issue of underage drinking. This study will be implemented next year. We were also fortunate to receive and participate in a number of other initiatives that will translate to better public service.

Finally, we thank you for your continued assistance and financial support of the department.

Assaults.....55
Breaking & Entering.....54
Larcenies.....158
Motor Vehicle Thefts & Recoveries.....23
Forgery.....64
Fraud.....2
Malicious Damage.....156
Weapons.....13
Domestic Disputes.....197
Missing & Runaways.....65
Medical Aid.....581
Accidents.....505
Protective Custody.....20
Calls for Service.....8489

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Daniel J. Gaumont, Fire Chief

The Fire Department has completed another successful year. The Department met its challenges through the combined efforts of 18 full-time fire fighters supplemented by a call force of 25 part-time personnel.

The Department, along with the Police Department, purchased an innovative piece of ice rescue equipment in late winter. Called "Rescue Alive," it has improved both Departments' ability to respond to ice rescue emergencies. Its design allows rescue personnel to traverse one-half inch ice without breaking through, while providing an extremely stable rescue platform.

Equipment was upgraded in the Fire Department this year. Some of the acquisitions were new protective clothing for full-time fire-fighters, a new breathing air compressor, and the new aerial ladder truck. The truck, a Quint, has a 100' aerial ladder, a 1500 gallon per minute fire pump, carries 400 gallons of water, has 1000+ feet of fire hose, and 115 feet of ground ladders. The design provides the operational capabilities of a pumper and an aerial ladder, all in one truck.

The Fire Department applied for, and received, a grant from the Commonwealth as part of the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) program. This year's grant was for \$4075. Funds will be used to provide fire safety education to school children.

The Department responded to 1382 requests for service, which included a variety of medical emergencies, fires, hazardous material incidents, motor vehicle incidents, and rescues. The entire Department's response during April's blizzard was a fine example of the Department's ability to protect the community regardless of threat or condition.

Incidents:

Fire	103
Rescue (Medical, MVA, etc.)	611
Hazardous Conditions	39
Other Services	662

Inspections:

Fire Alarm	306
Oil Burner	106
Safety	373

ANIMAL CONTROL

Harry Leno, Animal Control Officer

This past year Animal Control focused on the continuing rabies epidemic and also on the new Animal Waste By-law. Preventive efforts have included the publications of articles in the local media and presentations before various groups. The Department continued to receive numerous quarantine orders which were carefully monitored to ensure that domestic animals bitten had not become rabid. Monitoring also ensures the safety of animal owners and their families.

The Ipswich Humane Group continued their fundraising efforts for the new pound addition. We are hoping for 1998 to be the year.

Responsible pet ownership through education continued to be a priority of both this department and of the Ipswich Humane Society. Making the public aware of issues such as the importance of inoculation, abandoned pets, and domestic pet contact with wildlife is essential to improve quality of animal life and the prevention of contagious diseases.

Animals Adopted.....	104
Animals Killed by Cars.....	260
Citations Issued.....	103
Complaints Received.....	3734
Complaints Investigated.....	3403
Dog Bites.....	15
Dogs & Cats Euthanized.....	3
Dog Licenses Issued.....	1544
Kennel Licenses Issued.....	54
Dogs Picked Up.....	156
Rabies Quarantine Orders.....	103
Rabies Quarantine Order Releases.....	91
Rabies Quarantine Orders to be Released....	12
Animals Found.....	222

HARBORS DEPARTMENT
Charles D. Surpitski, Harbormaster
Sergeant John Poirier, Officer in Charge
Charles B. Schwartz, Michael Kenney, Peter Nikas, Assistant Harbormasters

The Harbors Department had another busy year in 1997. Ipswich waterways continue to be a magnet for recreational opportunities by boaters.

The Department began a number of initiatives over the past year to provide better service to the public, which included more meaningful patrol efforts. A patrol sheet designed to track the daily activities of boaters was instituted, as was an increased effort to educate boaters as to safety and regulatory requirements. A concerted effort was undertaken to improve safety in our many creeks by using proper signs coupled with aggressive enforcement.

Training continued to be a Department priority. The Department took advantage of many training opportunities offered by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Massachusetts Environmental Police. We intend to conduct joint operations with these agencies in the future. Our goal is to improve overall boater safety on our waterways.

We are again indebted to our Harbor Watch volunteers for their

cooperation and assistance. Our efforts with regard to their training, especially in first aid, was recognized by the North Shore Regional Water Safety Task Force. We hope to continue this effort, in more depth, in the future.

Following is a breakdown of fees collected by the Department:

542 Mooring Permits Issued
262 Seasonal Launching Permits

There was one collision between boats, and nine people were rescued from sinking boats.

SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT
Philip A. Kent, Constable

The past year was an excellent one for the shellfisherman. There was an abundance of clams, few rainfall closures, and no red tide closures. Monitoring of the resource indicates that the ensuing year should be excellent as well.

In addition to our enforcement efforts to ensure that the Shellfish Regulations are being properly adhered to, the Department continued to work to improve the management of our resource and the environmental quality of the areas in which it is found. We are indebted to the Shellfish Advisory Board for its input and guidance, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for their assistance in water quality management, to the Coastal Pollution Control Committee of the Town and other local and State agencies and individuals who continue to take an interest in the health of shellfishing in Ipswich.

A total of 25,284 bushels of clams were commercially harvested over the past year. This would be in addition to those taken by recreational diggers.

There were 186 commercial permits, 310 resident permits, and 145 non-resident permits issued.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
David R. Clements, Director
John R. Clogston, Jr., Assistant Director

The year 1997 was a very busy year for Emergency Management. The Department was activated and opened during several major emergencies caused by expected as well as unexpected effects of storms and search and rescues. During these incidents, the Department was in constant contact with state and local officials and was prepared to handle emergencies as they developed.

Incident #1 - April Fools Day Storm

On March 31, 1997, the Department was activated by Area 1 MEMA to anticipate and deal with the effects of a major snow storm. Due to widespread power outages and downed trees blocking major and secondary roadways, a State of Emergency was declared which lasted 48 hours. During this time, the EOC was activated to open shelters and to provide transportation. In all, ten to twelve people received personal safety assistance.

Incident #2 - Search and Rescue

On May 21, 1997, the Department was activated by the Director of Public Safety, Charles Surpitski, to assist in search efforts in the State forest surrounding Topsfield Road in Ipswich. The search was successful in locating a woman who had been missing overnight. Under the direction of David Clements, the Department set up a command post in the Masonic Temple facilitating the centralized function for all EOC departments providing local and State coordination and communication.

Incident #3 - Search and Rescue

In June 1997, the Department was activated by the Director of Public Safety, Charles Surpitski, to assist in search efforts in the State forest behind Doyon School in Ipswich to locate a lost child. Under the direction of David Clements, the Department set up a field command post facilitating the centralized function for all EOC departments providing local and State coordination and communication. The child was quickly located unharmed.

Incident #4 - Public Safety Assistance

The Department provided 10,000 kilowatts of light and parking management at the Whipple Middle School for the October Special Town Meeting.

The Department continued to distribute booklets, "What To Do In An Emergency," to public buildings and to local banks for use by Ipswich residents. The Department also continued to train its personnel in all phases of emergency management. The Director attended monthly meetings and training sessions at Area 1 Headquarters in Tewksbury.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - Armand T. Michaud, Director

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Armand T. Michaud, Manager

The Public Works Department coordinates the activities of the following divisions: Public Works Administration, Highway, Forestry, Cemetery/Parks, Equipment Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Transfer Station, Sanitation (rubbish disposal and recycling), and Snow and Ice control. Each division is charged with particular responsibilities relating to its duties. When

additional manpower is required to perform specific tasks, personnel are interchanged within the divisions.

Below is a summary of the work completed by each of the Public Works Divisions:

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

The Public Works Divisions combine their work forces during the winter months. The work consists of plowing roads, hauling snow, sanding and salting roadways, cleaning catch basins, clearing snow away from hydrants, and answering miscellaneous complaints. Other personnel assisting the Public Works crews during the height of snow storms were from the Cemetery, Water, and Water Treatment Departments. The winter of 1996/97 had a snowfall of 44".

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE DIVISION Robert Hetnar, Diesel Mechanic

All Public Works vehicles are serviced and repaired at the Town Garage. At present there are 54 pieces of motorized equipment that must be kept in good operating condition to insure its availability when needed. Operation cost records showing maintenance and gas/oil expenses on each vehicle can be ascertained from the Public Works Administration Office in the Town Hall. A street sweeper, a sander, and two pickup trucks were purchased this year.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Routine maintenance and minor repairs were performed at the Town Hall, Police Station, and Municipal Garage throughout the year.

HIGHWAY DIVISION Norman Stone, Foreman

The Highway Division, which is the largest in the Public Works Department, is charged with the maintenance and repairing of the Town's streets and drainage systems. The winter schedule consists mainly of Snow and Ice Control and routine maintenance which does not require excavations. During the other three seasons, the men are kept busy with projects varying from road construction to street sweeping.

Normal maintenance consists of patching streets, repairing the Town's drains, repairing sidewalks, and maintenance on all signs.

All catch basins in Town were cleaned. Several plugged drains were cleared.

Pineswamp Road, 1/2 Waldingfield Road, Labor-in-Vain Road, and the Estes Street/Kimball Street area were reclaimed and hot topped. New concrete sidewalks are in place in the Estes Street

area. Winter Street, Safford Street, Cherry Street, and Scott Hill Road had a 2" overlay of hot top.

Street sweeping was performed twice a week in the downtown area from April to December. All Town roads and sidewalks were swept in the spring to rid them of winter sand deposits.

Crosswalks, parking spaces, and traffic lines were painted in the downtown areas. Crosswalks were painted with white tiger stripes. Also 142,239 lineal feet of center lines and fog lines were painted.

All gravel roads were graded twice in 1996/97. (April and November)

Other projects included setting up voting booths for the election and setting up for the April Annual Town Meeting and the October Special Town Meeting.

The stop lights at Linebrook Road and Route 1 were started in June and completed in December. There was \$15,000 worth of repair work done on the Winthrop Street Bridge caused by flooding. There is a State grant for \$600,000 for repairs to the County Street Bridge which it is hoped will go out to bid October 1998 for construction in 1999. The Central Street, Lord Square, High Street grant of \$550,000 is scheduled to go out to bid in the near future. A grant for \$45,000 for culverts under Argilla Road was also received. Two grants for Storm Treatment on County Street and Water Street for \$35,000 was completed.

FORESTRY DIVISION

The Forestry Division was started in July 1994 with two men. They are doing the usual Forestry work plus line clearing for the Electric Department. They cleaned up after the big April 1 snow storm, cut brush all over town, planted some trees, and removed 75 trees.

TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station seems to be running well. Recycling bins for cans, glass, paper, magazines, cardboard, tires, and batteries are on the site. Approximately 350 residents use this facility per week. There is an area for white goods and metals. Leaves and yard debris may be hauled there year around. There is a Salvation Army bin, Pine Street Inn bin, and Goodwill bin for used clothing. There were four paint collections last year.. These were done by appointment only. Paint collections will start up again in May 1998. The paint collection was successful, but more residents are needed to participate in the program. There is also a container for cans for the Boy Scouts at the Transfer Station.

SANITATION

There is a policy that one large item (excepting white goods or metals) may be left curbside on the regular trash day. There is no longer a Spring and Fall big rubbish day. Curbside recycling for newspaper, cans, and glass began in Ipswich on July 13, 1992. Plastic (#1 and #2) curbside recycling began the week of January 10, 1994. Curbside collection of corrugated cardboard and commingled paper started July 1, 1995. Look for yearly calendar and updates in local newspapers.



Cemeteries/Parks staff: Dennis McCarthy (rear, left), Robert Comeau, George Merry, Supt. Jim Graffum, Drew Wile (front, left) and Mark Phaneuf. Secretary Donna Foote is missing from the picture.

CEMETERIES/PARKS DEPARTMENT James E. Graffum, Superintendent

The Cemeteries-Parks Division maintains approximately 217 acres of land under its jurisdiction. General grounds work was accomplished in its nine cemeteries, five playgrounds, and several areas of open space land including all Town Commons.

Completion of the Giles Firman play area was achieved this past spring. Site work and installation of the new play structure at Howe Park was finished in late fall.

The baseball diamond infield at Bialek Park was reconditioned using a professional infield material that was procured through a grant fund.

The Parks' staff cleared pathways and installed granite benches and picnic tables at Dow Park and Boone Park for the use and enjoyment of the public.

A new water service was installed at Bialek Park and compost, fertilizer, and land lime were spread on the playing fields as well as the apron areas in the cemeteries.

There were one hundred interments in 1997.

The Cemeteries-Parks staff assist the Public Works Department in snow removal and emergencies, as needed.

REVENUE

CHAPEL TENT:	\$2,250.00
FOUNDATIONS:	\$3,966.00
OPENINGS:	\$30,200.00
PERPETUAL CARE:	\$6,565.00
SALE OF LOTS:	\$9,800.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$52,781.00

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
James W. Temple, Chair

During the past year, the Committee's efforts have been directed toward maintaining recycling and composting programs previously in place, informing and motivating the Town to keep up the good work, and to increase participation.

The Town received an "A" on the State's report card for our recycling efforts and results; and from MASSPIRG (Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group), we received a certificate for excellence in recycling.

On November 15, 1997, we celebrated Massachusetts Recycles Day along with the State and the Nation. Two information booths were set up downtown. Five merchants exhibited Buy Recycled Products that they market, and a banner was flown at the corner of Market and Central Streets.

Doyon School participated in Mass Recycles with a mini workshop for second graders with our recycling contractor Waste Management. (pictured below)



A sample of recycling data for the last 2.5 years is listed below:

	1996	TONS 1997	1998 to date
Incinerator Trash	4580	4632	2373
Curbside Recycling	889	917	476
Total Recycling & Composting	2973	2565	1899
Mixed Paper	746	735	409.4
Glass	159	152	74.9
Plastic	37	40	19.25
Tin	45	43	20.2
Scrap Metal	229	261	77
Leaves & yard waste	253	322	806 E
Brush	1433	875	440
% Recycled - Prime Materials	22%	23%	19.4%*
Includes Leaves & Brush	39%	36%	44.5%

*Does not include scrap iron, tires, etc., in line with DEP requirements for new grant programs.

Savings to the Town through Curbside Recycling were \$51,349 for FY97.

Review of the above will show that recycling is not increasing during the recent past! To move Town results toward the State goal of 46% by the year 2000, significant changes will be required. This Committee will be working to identify same and bring them to you.

DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT - James A. Sperber, Director

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

James A. Sperber, Building Inspector

<u>Category</u>	<u># Permits</u>	<u>Fees</u>
New Residential	57	
New Commercial	2	
Residential Add & Alt	420	
Commercial Add & Alt	16	
Public Assembly Insp	26	
Demolition	7	
 TOTAL BUILDING	 528	 \$108,867.50
 TOTAL PLUMBING	 217	 15,575.00
TOTAL GAS	201	10,740.00
 BUILDING DIVISION TOTAL		 \$135,182.50

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Domenic A. Badolato, Jr.

The following is the yearly report of the activities of the Health Department under Domenic A. Badolato, Jr., for the year 1997:

LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

Food Service	82
Retail Food	12
Disposal Works Construction Permits	93
Septic Haulers	14
Septic Installers	48
Swimming Pools	2
Recreational Camps	3

HEALTH INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Food Service Inspections	161
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Full Housing Inspections	32
No Heat Complaints	3
Trash and Debris Complaints	16
Insect & Rodent Complaints	9
Perc Tests	123
Septic Plans Reviewed	144
Septic System Inspections	287
Referral from Building Inspector	2
Swimming Pool Inspections	4
Water Testing	17
Dye Testing	38
Conferences Attended	13
Health Complaints (Misc.) Investigated	47

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTIONS

Gasoline Pumps	66
Oil Trucks	10
Apothecary	3
Scales or Balances	47
Re-adjustments	9

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Keith B. Hughes, Chair

There were fifty-five petitions before the Zoning Board in 1997, a reduction from eighty-four in 1996. There were two appeals of the Building Inspector's decisions (down from seven in 1996), one affirmed and one upheld. There have been thirty-six Special Permit petitions (the same as 1996); three of which were withdrawn, three granted with conditions, one denied, three pending and the remaining twenty-six granted. There have been fourteen Variances requests (down from 40 in 1996); one was denied, one was granted with conditions, one was postponed, one was withdrawn, and the remaining thirteen were granted as submitted. One Cease and Desist Order was granted.

Additional hours for the Board's secretary have enabled further organization of the office and availability to the public. The files continue to be computerized and additional research and support provided to the Board.

Keith B. Hughes continues as chair with David L. Levesque, Arthur N. Sotis, and David Mollica continuing their years of service. The Board thanks Lillian Grayton for her years of service and are expecting appointment of a new member. Alternate Members Richard Alfoni and Miranda Gooding continue to make contributions to the Board. The Board continues to thank recording secretary Ruth Barton.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT - Glenn C. Gibbs, Director

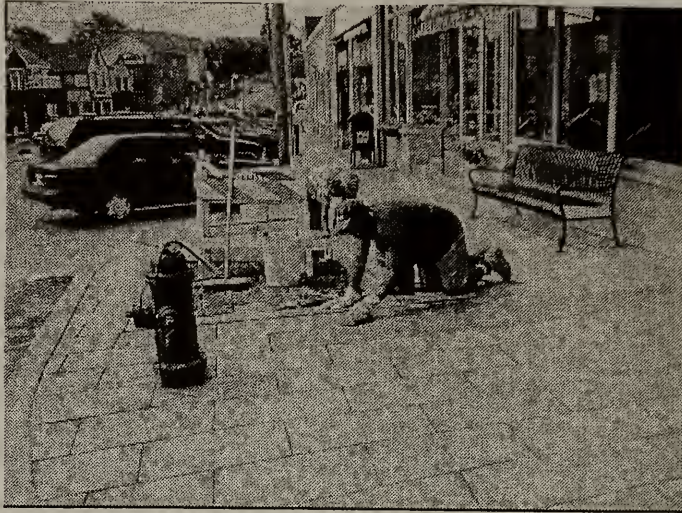
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Glenn C. Gibbs, Director

The Department of Planning & Development is responsible for guiding the development and conservation of land in the Town of Ipswich, both through the regulatory process and through the development and implementation of long range plans. It does this in part by providing support and guidance for each of the boards and commissions within its directorate: Planning Board, Master Plan Commission, Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, and the Housing Partnership Committee (reports on their activities are given below, with the exception of the Master Plan Commission, which is currently inactive). Listed below are some of the initiatives undertaken by the Department in 1997.

- Developed a zoning mechanism to allow a mixed use development at Turner Hill by Planning Board special permit. The bylaw, which was adopted at the fall Town Meeting, establishes a comprehensive review process aimed at ensuring compliance with the Town's objectives of preserving both open space and buildings of historic and architectural significance.
- Prepared successful grant application requesting \$160,491 for the construction of sidewalk, curbing and streetscape improvements at Depot Square and along Topsfield Road, as well as the installation of pedestrian-scale street lights on Market Street.
- Drafted several zoning articles, including one that regulates the location, design, and type of wireless communication facilities in the community, and one that requires the provision of affordable housing in multi-family housing developments involving 11 or more units..
- In conjunction with the Department of Public Works, coordinated the bidding and construction of the Market Street Corridor Improvement Project.
- Continued to administer Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds, and assist Ipswich Partnership in many aspects of its operation, particularly as it relates to physical improvements within the downtown.
- Participated in an International Planners Exchange Program, which brought a British Planner to Ipswich for two weeks to

share his planning expertise, and allowed the Planning Director to spend two weeks in England observing planning practices there.

There were three personnel changes in the Department this year, all of which occurred in April. Paula Grillo was hired as the Planning Assistant; Kathryn Campbell was hired to replace departing Conservation Agent Mike Seekamp; and John Ryan was hired with federal grant monies to administer the downtown improvement grants received by the Town over the past three years.



PLANNING BOARD Leslie F. Brooks, Chair

I'm pleased to report another good year for the Planning Board in 1997. Membership remained stable, with the Board comprised of Leslie Brooks, Wayne King, Patricia Hagadorn, Jack Beagan, and David Moynihan. Leo Murphy continued as associate member.

The Board reviewed seven new subdivisions in 1997 and approved four of them: Bradley Estates, a 13-lot subdivision on Route 1 and Old Right Road; Maria Drive, a 6-lot subdivision off Paradise Road; Chestnut Street (formerly Hickory Lane), a 5-lot subdivision off Howard Street; and Rose Court (formerly Cedar Court), a 1-lot subdivision off Birch Lane. The fifth, a 2-lot subdivision at the end of Cogswell Street, was approved in early 1998. The other two subdivisions are still at the preliminary plan stage. One of these, a three-lot subdivision off of Essex Road, was approved by the Board. The other preliminary plan, a 20-lot subdivision off of Boxford Road, was disapproved, primarily because of concern over the close proximity of the proposed road to Hood Farm Road. The Board expects definitive plans for both subdivisions to be submitted in 1998.

In addition to the above, the Board reviewed two applications for modification of definitive subdivision plans. One was approved and the other is still in progress.

Other regulatory activities by the Board included review of seven applications for Special Permits, three of which involved requested modifications to previously approved Special Permits. All the applications were approved except for an application to build a four-unit residential building on North Main Street, which was withdrawn. The Board expects that this plan will be resubmitted in revised form in 1998. Four applications for Site Plan Review were submitted, including two requests for modification of previously-approved plans. Two were approved; action on the requested modifications is pending. The Board received three applications for Determination of Adequacy of Access; two were approved and one was denied. There were also two applications for Scenic Road Modifications, with one approval and no action on the other. The Board reviewed 19 applications for ANR (Approval Not Required Under Subdivision Control Law) plans. All but one ANR plan was endorsed.

The Board's efforts to pass several zoning changes at the 1997 Special Fall Town Meeting were ultimately successful, due to considerable effort on the part of some Board members and by Glenn Gibbs, Director of Planning and Development. In addition to the Great Estates, wireless communications facilities, and inclusionary housing provisions, the other changes adopted at Town Meeting were: allow small wastewater treatment plants in the water supply districts, by Planning Board special permit; clarify that Town-initiated projects must conform to local zoning approval process; two minor modifications to the sign bylaw; reduce allowable density for multi-residential uses in Highway Business District; and clarify language regarding number of contiguous pork chop lots allowed.

The Board looks forward to another productive year in 1998.

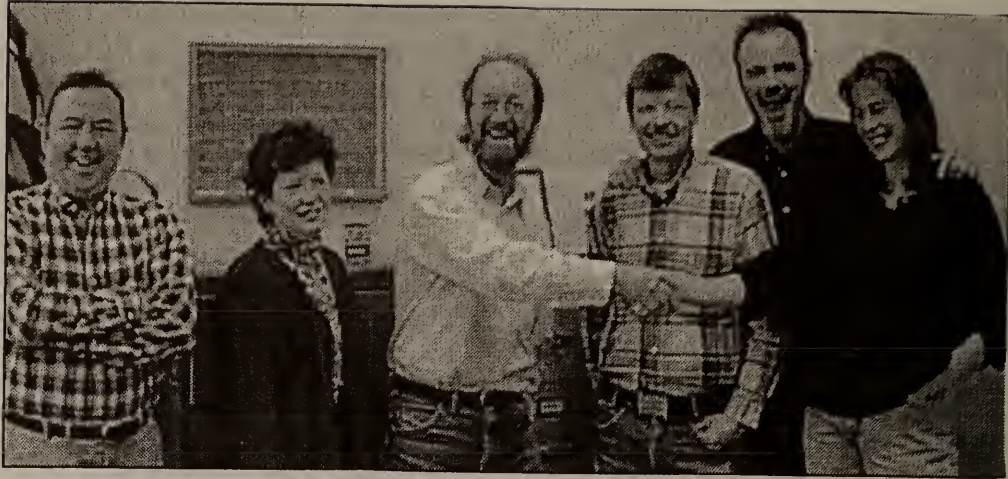
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Andrew Agapow, Chair

Kathryn Campbell, Conservation Agent

Ruth Barton, Assistant and Recording Secretary

In 1997, the Commission bid farewell to Mike Seekamp and welcomed Kathryn Campbell as our new Conservation Agent. Kathryn has a masters degree in environmental science and previously served on the Rockport Conservation Commission. Her expertise in and dedication to environmental protection are an asset to the Commission. We are lucky to have her.



Farewell party for Conservation Agent Michael Seekamp (center) was held on April 3 at the Town Hall. Photo shows Mike "passing the baton" to Kathryn Campbell, the new agent. Also shown are Conservation Commission members Joseph Pecoraro (left), Beverly Perna, Chairman Andrew Agapow and William Mitchell.

The year 1997 was the busiest ever for the Conservation Commission. The following is a list of 1997 activities as compared with the previous three years:

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Notices of Intent:	25	36	56	62
Orders of Conditions:	20	27	55	59
Requests for Determination of Applicability:	17	36	38	67
Determinations of Applicability:	13	38	36	66
Certificates of Compliance:	10	21	17	10
Extension Permits	5	9	3	5
Enforcement Orders:	5	5	2	5

The Town's share of DEP filing fees collected in 1997 amounted to \$6,880. There was also \$2,655.50 collected from the new local filing fees between August 9 and December 31, 1997.

In 1997, the Conservation Department was able to get funding for an additional 10 hours per week for Ruth Barton to assist Kathryn with her paperwork. Local filing fees were established by the Commission to pay for this position. The additional hours for Ruth has helped to alleviate some of Kathryn's paperwork. However, the Commission's workload has tripled since 1994 and continues to grow. With this tremendous increase in the number of projects, keeping-up with the paperwork does not leave any time for proper site inspections. Due to this increase in the Commission's workload, the Commission is now seeking to upgrade the agent's position from part-time to full-time. A full-time agent can better serve the public and perform site inspections to

ensure that projects are undertaken in compliance with the Wetlands Act and the local Bylaw.

In 1997, the Commission's reviewed and amended the Wetlands Protection Bylaw Rules and Regulations. Major changes consisted of requiring permanent no-cut and no-build buffer zones for new projects and adding the local filing fee schedule. Other changes were made to clarify the requirements of the performance standards to be applied to various projects.

The Commission was also involved in enforcement issues with the MBTA's rail reconstruction project. In resolving the violations committed by the MBTA and its contractor, the Commission was able to obtain mitigating compensation from the MBTA. The MBTA agreed to provide engineering and construction services necessary to replace two major culverts on Town Farm Road.

Several large projects are on the horizon for the Commission in 1998. These include the Turner Hill Conference Center, a 30+ lot subdivision off Topsfield Road, the Downtown Riverwalk, and the construction of the Middle/High School Complex. I expect that we will be busier than ever, and I have my "No-Doze" ready for those long night meetings.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Robert B. Simmons, Chair

The Historical Commission has had a busy year. New efforts to preserve and maintain the historic assets of our town are underway.

The board has seen some changes as two members, Joanne Tuttle and Donna Hailson, resigned. We very much appreciate their contributions to the Commission and to Ipswich. Two new members were appointed, June Gahan and John Moss (now secretary). They have quickly become active members of the Commission.

The Mary Conley Award this year for outstanding preservation and renovation of historic structures was presented to John and Andrea Ferrick of 52 High Street for their many years of efforts on the Kingsbury-Lord House. The converted Colburn Home at 16 North Main Street, owned by Robert and Cheryl Statho, received an Honorable Mention for their work on the beautifully renovated bed and breakfast inn.

The Commission is currently planning a celebratory event for the recognition by the National Register of Historic Places of two historic Districts which were accepted last year to the roster. These are the Brown Stocking Mill Historic District and the Ipswich Mill Historic District. Mary Conley played an instrumental role in the application filed for these two

districts and is greatly appreciated by the Town of Ipswich for her efforts.

The Commission received one demolition request this year for the Day House on 114 Pineswamp Road. The First Period house dates to the late 1600's and is in great danger of being demolished. The Commission is seeking help to sell the property to someone who will restore it.

Another endangered property is the Warner Harris House at 22 Mineral Street, a 1600's house that was severely damaged in the April Fool's Day Blizzard. A huge tree fell on the house, crushing its roof; and the owner was forced to move out of the house, unable to pay for the damages. This house is also for sale, and the Commission is seeking a new owner willing to restore it. Its interiors are a pristine snapshot of the 1835 restorations done to it, virtually unchanged in the last 162 years. This house, originally located on Market Street, is the last surviving dwelling from Ipswich's original Market Street area.

The Commission continues to complete the study of much needed historic assets in the Town. The properties along South Main Street from the Choate Bridge toward the South Green, with the services of Susan Nelson, have been partially completed. These will be completed in 1998. This area is the last remaining undocumented streetscape section of the original Ipswich market area.

Serious progress was made in the transcribing of Ipswich's vital records onto computer files. Records have thus far been transcribed and entered for births up to the year 1900, for deaths up to the year 1917, and for marriages up to the year 1882. These records will soon be published and available for the Town for use in genealogical searches and historical research. Many thanks to member Nancy Jewell and her staff of volunteers for many months of continuing work in entering and verifying these precious records.

The Commission is embarking on a program to continue covenanting houses in Town to protect them against change and destructive renovations, on a pro-active basis, hoping to increase the list of protected properties from the current 31 we hold to date.

The Commission has begun review of the nine properties receiving storefront and facade improvement grants through the Ipswich Partnership. The Five Corners Deli and the Colonel Appleton Building are the first to receive approval for work to begin this spring.

The Commission co-sponsored the third in a series of ethnic history nights with the Irish Night celebration hosted at the EBSCO Publishing facilities. The event was well attended by over one hundred and fifty participants.

We continue to receive historic maps, letters, photos, and other documents. We, along with the Town Clerk, hope to continue to preserve some of these items. We hope that anyone with anything of historic significance to Ipswich will contact us.

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
Marie Rodgers, Housing Coordinator

This was a year of change for the Housing Partnership Committee. Two members resigned: Catherine T.J. Howe and Susan Monahan. The Partnership also lost the services of Housing Coordinator Monique Menten. We wish to thank them for their service to the Commission and Ipswich. Their skills and dedication to the development of the program were greatly appreciated.

The Housing Partnership Committee, through the Essex County HOME Program, continues to offer downpayment assistance for first-time low and moderate income homebuyers in Ipswich. As the Housing Coordinator, I administer this program out of the Planning & Development Office in Town Hall. This past year five families were able to buy homes in Ipswich using funds from this federally-funded program.

As always, the Housing Partnership welcomes new members. If interested, please contact me at 356-6607.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - Elizabeth M. Dorman, Director

RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Elizabeth M. Dorman, Recreation Director

A variety of programs, services, and activities were organized for all age groups including a number of community-based social services.

Family events included the July 4th Parade & Field Day at the VFW, the annual Marathon, a Triathlon organized by Rick Silverman, a Halloween Parade & program, and the Memorial Day Parade organized by local veterans' groups. Cooperation with the Ipswich Business Association again facilitated Santa's arrival at Town Wharf with a parade to Town Hill for tree lighting ceremonies and caroling followed by refreshments and entertainment at the YMCA.

Summer offerings again included tennis lessons at the high school courts, teen golf lessons at the Ipswich Country Club, Workreation and Adventure Camp for young teens, Kids Day Camp, Children's Theatre Camp, and a free Bialek Park program with

optional day trips. Swim lessons were held at the YMCA pool in Gloucester because the Don Bosco facility was not operational this year. Lifeguards were again provided at Pavilion Beach as well as attendants for resident parking at Crane Beach.

Family picnics at Bialek Park included "Caribbean for Kids" to celebrate the last day of school, a puppeteer, a magic show, the UNH Caravan Show, and a local talent show as well as a Teddy Bear Picnic at the YMCA. The Recreation Department-sponsored community band again performed outdoors at Cable Gardens.

New play equipment at Giles Firmin was dedicated in May and a stone marker was installed in memory of the town's first doctor for whom it was named. New equipment purchased by PARK (People About Recreation for Kids) was installed at Howe Street Park with some Town labor and Town funding for contractor services. The new storage building at Bialek Park was painted in June by some summer recreation staff members.

Winter programs included another learn-to-ski program for elementary school children, several February vacation week activities, and adult volleyball and tap dancing offerings.

The Memorial Building continued to be used by many local agencies including Girl Scouts, youth sports organizations, dog trainers, art and dance classes, The American Legion, and the Recreation Commission. It also housed the Recreation Office, self-help groups, and a variety of after-school and evening teen activities.

Summer playground, swim, and camp staffers received CPR training through the Police Department. Numerous permits were issued from the Recreation Office for use of ball fields, tennis courts, and lighted outdoor facilities.

A citizens-based committee began exploring the feasibility of building a skateboard and in-line skating facility somewhere on Town property. Sites were visited in other communities and information compiled about costs, funding, and insurance regulations.

The seven-member Recreation Commission and Recreation Director met regularly throughout the year to discuss programs, facilities, and policies as well as to plan for the future. Members volunteered often at a number of programs.

YOUTH SERVICES

Marcia Ford, Youth Director

Youth services in Ipswich are dedicated to improving the lives of Ipswich youth. A number of varied programs were provided to meet

recreational, academic, and social needs of this unique population. The foundation of the Youth Services Program continues to be community collaboration. Many programs were developed as a joint venture in direct response to community needs. A Systematic Training for Effective Parenting class was held every Thursday and co-sponsored by Family Works, providing wrap around services. Family Works also co-sponsored a male mentoring group for 5th grade school boys. The Ipswich Coalition for Family Services, a group of concerned service providers dedicated to improving the lives of Ipswich families, met monthly, to share ideas and resources. Community P.L.A.N.S. provided funding for the Drug Free Zone Café. Recreation staff supervised outdoor adventure activities for the high school advanced project adventure class, at its outdoor education center. The Girl Scouts also benefited from the adventure-based activities at the outdoor education center.

The Friday evening drop-in center offered informal activities for younger teens with programs designed and governed by "Talk to a Friend" peer leaders comprised of older students. Monthly trips for movies, shopping, holiday activities and outdoor recreation sites were offered for middle-school students and supervised by Recreation staff members. Photo I.D. cards were continued as a means to identify local teens and facilitate follow-up work for occasional discipline issues.

"Social Stop" programs were organized for small groups of same-sex youngsters who met weekly to discuss life issues, learn from each other, and participate in a variety of organized activities such as cooking projects, games, outdoor adventures, and field trips. An after school group was provided for elementary school boys. A weekly support group for high school girls met weekly and an advisory group for children involved with the courts was held weekly.

Community service projects were organized for volunteer teens as well as some referred through the local courts and Juvenile Diversion programs. They were involved in cleaning and painting projects at the Memorial Building and outdoor work at park sites, as well as raking and shoveling services for senior citizens who requested assistance through the Council on Aging.

Talk To A Friend, the peer leadership program for Ipswich youth, met weekly to receive training around current youth issues. In addition, they organized the Zone Café to provide a drug free alternative for local teenagers. Peer Leaders also helped chaperone activities for younger children.

The Homework Club, for middle school students, was held after school on Monday and Wednesday. It provided a structured study time and extra help. Snacks and social time were built into the program to enhance the success and happiness of each participant. The middle school actively participated by providing materials and consultation.

Family Advocacy Services were provided on an as-needed basis. Families in need met with the youth director to determine current needs of the family, and then the youth director connected the family to available services. Along with regular meetings with the family, the Youth Director monitored each case and coordinated the services provided. In addition, the director provided after hours support and crisis intervention for at-risk families. Referrals were made from the courts, schools, churches, mental health counseling agencies and families.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Diane Mitchell, Director

A wide variety of programs for senior citizens of Ipswich were provided under the umbrella of Council on Aging services.

A drop-in center operated weekdays, 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m., from a storefront on Central Street and offered reading materials, games, puzzles, refreshments, and informal gatherings for socialization and organized programs. Three part-time receptionists welcomed guests, answered the phone, and assisted in daily operations of the Center.

Regular on-site programs included the Silver Strands choral group, a book discussion group, writing group, travel club, bridge group, knitting and quilting groups, movies, weekly blood pressure clinics, and monthly health screenings. Tickets were sold there for day trips sponsored by the Recreation Department. Off-site programs included Tai Chi, computer classes, tennis, exercise and line dancing classes, a walking club, and a writing group.

Special offerings included intergenerational programs, a bereavement group, speakers on a variety of health, financial and legal issues, social gatherings for special observances, and classes for a wide range of interests. A monthly newsletter written by the Director reached 1600 elder households through support of local advertisers and a postage grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Since June 1996, the COA has been using a 1988 Dodge van donated to the Human Services Department by the Ipswich Public Schools. Gasoline and a driver two days each week have been funded by grants and private donations. Maintenance has been funded through a combination of private donations, grants, and Town budget appropriations. Ridership has steadily increased providing over 2000 local rides and logging approximately 6000 miles of service.

Grants from SeniorCare, Inc., the Coburn Charitable Society and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs provided a volunteer recognition luncheon in June and a part-time Outreach Coordinator to address needs of homebound and isolated elders. A corps of

over 40 volunteers provided 1500 hours of services to over 100 elders and 13,000 miles of transportation for various errands, appointments, and COA activities. Other services included social visits, phone calls, help with chores and repairs, and guidance in making personal, medical, housing, and financial decisions. A Caregivers Support Group helped those dealing with frail elders to air concerns and receive advice.

Town contributions to Action, Inc. provided fuel assistance to those who qualified as well as Income Tax Assistance to any elder who needed guidance. Contributions to Senior Care provide support for elderly still living in their homes who needed outside support to facilitate their independent living arrangements.

A seven-member council met monthly to review programs and operations and plan additional offerings. A support group, the Friends of Ipswich Elderly, raised \$17,000 in funds to go towards the purchase of a new handicap-accessible senior van, provided a Christmas Party at the VFW for 300 people, and continued to raise funds and support projects and equipment that fall outside of the COA budget.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Timothy J. Henry -Director

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Raymond R. Shockey, Manager

The main focus for the Division in 1997 was activities associated with the approaching deregulated electric industry together with problems caused by troubled nuclear power plants. The former required involvement in fashioning draft legislation pertaining to municipal light plants and the latter concerned pending litigation against nuclear plant owners. Added costs associated with the nuclear problems increased costs to our customers during the summer. However, by the end of the year Ipswich had regained its position as one of the regions lowest cost providers. In addition, extra effort and dedication on the part of Electric Division and other personnel was needed and obtained in the restoration of power to our customers following the "April Fool" snow storm of March 31 - April 1, 1997.

WATER DIVISION

Tim Henry, Manager

Due to a very dry summer (4.9 inches of rain June-August), a water ban was declared on July 30 and lifted on November 10 when the reservoir levels improved to greater than a 30-day supply.

Winthrop Well #1 was put into service in July and stayed on line until December. The staff developed a new treatment scheme at

the well that allowed for improved water quality from this well and fewer customer complaints.

Water quality problems at Winthrop Well #2 required that the well be cleaned ahead of schedule. This problem was responsible for the coliform that was detected in the distribution system the first part of July.

There were four extensions to the distribution system in 1997.

Maria Drive-----670 feet of 8" CLDI

Bradley Estates-----1630 feet of 10" PVC

Howard Street-----160 feet of 8" CLDI

Chestnut Street-----500 feet of 8" CLDI

1997

Meters Replaced	495
Services Turned Off	48
Services Turned On	50
New Services	44
Hydrants Installed	10
Hydrants Replaced	17
New Water Mains Installed (ft)	2,960
Total Length of Mains (ft)	485,880

Water Services

Metered Services	4225
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Unmetered Services	52
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Water Usage (MG)

Reservoirs (Dow and Bull Brook reservoirs)	- 186.1
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Brown's Well	118.0
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Essex Road Well	24.2
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Fellows Road Well	81.6
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Mile Lane Well	18.3
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Winthrop Wells	53.0
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Total Water Usage	481.2
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WASTEWATER DIVISION

John A. Quigley, Jr., Superintendent

The Ipswich Wastewater Treatment Facility, located on Fowlers Lane in Ipswich, had the following violations to its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit during the 1997 calendar year:

MONTH	# OF VIOLATIONS	PARAMETER VIOLATED
June 1997	1	Ammonia
June 1997	1	Dissolved Oxygen
July 1997	4	Ammonia
July 1997	10	Dissolved Oxygen
July 1997	1	Fecal Coliform
August 1997	1	Ammonia
August 1997	16	Dissolved Oxygen
August 1997	1	Chlorine Residual
August 1997	5	Fecal Coliform
September 1997	1	Ammonia
September 1997	8	Dissolved Oxygen
October 1997	7	Dissolved Oxygen
October 1997	3	Chlorine Residual
October 1997	1	Fecal Coliform
November 1997	3	Dissolved Oxygen
November 1997	3	Settleable Solids
December 1997	1	Suspended Solids
December 1997	1	Biochemical Oxygen Demand

The predominate cause of these violations was an inadequate aeration system. This resulted in a number of ammonia and dissolved oxygen violations.

Construction started in 1997 on the Treatment Plant upgrade which involves improvements to the aeration system, the installation of an ultraviolet disinfection system (which will replace chlorine disinfection) and a new, larger, emergency generator. Completion of this upgrade is expected in mid 1998, and should reduce the number of permit violations significantly.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT - Donna M. Walsh, Finance Director

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Donna M. Walsh, CPA, Finance Director/Town Accountant

The Town Accountant's Office consists of two full-time staff and a full-time Town Accountant, who also serves as Finance Director. The Accounting Department is responsible for processing the payroll for all employees, processing invoices for vendor payments, and preparing all W-2's and 1099's at year-end in accordance with IRS regulations.

The Town Accountant's Office maintains all of the accounting records for the Town's revenues and expenditures, ensures that reconciliations are performed between applicable Town departments, assists in providing information on benefits available to employees, and oversees the operation of the Town's

financial computer system. Additionally, the Town Accountant works with the Treasurer and with representatives from the School Department and the School Committee to oversee the financial aspects of the new High School/Middle School project.

The Town Accountant also coordinates the annual independent audit of the Town's financial statements which was last completed September 22, 1997, for the year ended June 30, 1997.

The financial results for fiscal year 1997 were good. This was due to good collections on receivables, higher interest rates on invested funds, and responsible spending of appropriations.

Free Cash for fiscal year 1997 was certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue - Division of Local Services in January 1998 in the amount of \$783,541.

TREASURER/COLLECTOR
Virginia M. Cleary

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for the collection and investment of all Town revenue, approximately \$43,525,909 per year, along with borrowing both long term funds and trust funds, tax title accounts, cash flow and reconciling monthly with the Town Accountant. The office also handles all of the billing and data processing involved with Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle and Boat Excise. All receipts were deposited and faithfully recorded.

A total of 6,224 beach stickers were issued throughout the year.

A special thanks to the staff, Debbie Camacho, Robin Ashton and Susan LeMieux for a job well done. Susan took over the position of Assistant Treasurer in September of 1996.

ASSESSORS OFFICE
Frank J. Ragonese, Chief Assessor

The total valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property January 1, 1997 was \$1,023,217,469.

The valuation of the Town by Class is:

		\$	%
Class 1	Residential	922,367,707	90.1439
Class 11	Open Space	-	-

Class <u>111</u>	Commercial	57,060,922	5.5766
Class <u>1V</u>	Industrial	30,817,500	3.0118
	Personal Property	12,971,340	1.2677
	Total:	1,023,217,469	100.00

The Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 1998 was \$ 13.67 per thousand for all property classes.

TOWN CLERK
ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
Frances A. Richards, CMC

The Town Clerk's office consists of two full-time staff: the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk Elise "Lee" Graves. The office is responsible for local and state elections, census and voter registration, and recording and certification of all official actions of the Town, including town meeting legislation and appropriations. We are also responsible for the recording, maintenance and issuance of vital records. In addition to processing and issuing licenses and permits approved by the Board of Selectmen, we also handle the sale of various licenses including dog, shellfish, fishing, hunting and marriage licenses; and our office serves as a general information center to the public. All of our data processing and printing is done from our office with a tailor-made computer program. Our State computer, linked to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office, is used to extract voter registrations filed at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and to communicate with city and town clerks throughout the Commonwealth. We do not have the staff to keep both Town and State systems up to date on census and voter registration.

Numerous requests for certified copies of vital records, genealogical and historical information, business and legal decisions by Town boards, demographic statistics and general information about the Town and its activities are received over the counter, through the mail and by telephone. Former Town Clerk Isobel Coulombe takes care of some of the requests for the old vital records.

We are continuing our program of preserving and binding the yearly vital records and restoring some of the large vital record books. Historical Commission member Nancy Jewell and her group of volunteers are well along in their project to transcribe the old vital records from our large books onto the computer in the Historical Office. When this work is completed, these records (1850-1906) will be published and made available at the Library.

The Annual Town Meeting in April was held at the high school, but due to site work during the summer, the Special Town Meeting in October was moved to the Whipple Middle School on Green Street. The meeting was a success at the new location, and future meetings will be held there until the new high school is built.

This year, I achieved my third goal as your Elections Official. The first goal was to use Election Constables; the second was to obtain electronic voting machines and new voter booths. Now, my third goal of "one polling location" has been realized. On April 14th, Ipswich voters from all four precincts cast their ballots at the VFW Hall on County Road. The election went smoothly and the voters appreciated the spacious parking lot and accessibility. Results were tallied and announced at the VFW Hall and some of the newly elected town officials were sworn in that night. VFW officials and the attorney for the YMCA have assured me that the facility will continue to be available for elections. (The YMCA is planning to build a new facility at the VFW site.)

My sincere thanks to the following people who assisted me with the election, the Special Town Meeting and volunteered their help at the office: VFW officials, Cemetery, Highway, Fire, Emergency Management Departments, Bruce Bryant, John Bruni, Moderator James Grimes, Middle School Principal Cheryl Forster and her staff, my family and RSVP volunteers Isobel Coulombe, Priscilla Harris and Moira McLaughlin. Special thanks to my assistant Lee Graves for a job well done; and finally, my sincere appreciation to Finance Director Donna Walsh for all her support.

1997 Population from the Town Census as of June 30, 1997 - 13,132

Population Statistics	Ages 0 - 4.....	653
	Ages 5 - 10.....	1,670
	Ages 11 - 13.....	466
	Ages 14 - 18.....	722
	Ages 19 - 25.....	2,379
	Ages 26 - 44.....	2,409
	Ages 45 - 64.....	2,806
	Ages 65 - 74.....	1,042
	Ages 75 + ...	985
	Total...	13,132

Comparative Vital Statistics recorded in the past three years:

	1995	1996	1997
Births	139	134	121
Deaths	108	98	116
Marriages	85	78	88

There were 60 females and 61 males born to Ipswich residents in 1997. Of the total number of deaths recorded (74 females, 42 males), 109 were residents. Of the 88 marriages recorded in Ipswich, 42 took place elsewhere; in 18 marriages, one party was non-resident and in 24 marriages, both parties were non-resident.

<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Males	300	301	252
Neutered Males	416	527	594
Females	153	211	206
Spayed Females	593	659	713

A total of 1,765 dogs were licensed in Ipswich for 1997. The dog licensing program which was adopted in 1993 continues to be very successful with 97% of all the dogs licensed before the March 31st deadline. Assistant Animal Control Officer Ellen White issued citations to owners who failed to license their dogs in a timely fashion; as a result we collected \$2,640 in late fees.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Helen Noble, her staff and Animal Control Officer Harry Leno for conducting a special rabies clinic at the Highway Garage on March 1st so that dogs could get their rabies shots before the licensing deadline. The annual rabies clinic was held May 7th at the Highway Garage with Dr. Ken Carlson.

The Dog Fouling By-Law (Pooper Scooper Law) was voted in at the Annual Town Meeting and brochures were printed up by the Coastal Pollution Control Committee for distribution.

Thanks again to all the residents for their prompt return of the census forms and dog license renewals.

<u>Shellfish Licenses & Permits</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Resident Yearly	120	114	113
Resident Family	158	225	197
Resident Commercial	120	160	186
Non-Resident Yearly	37	77	85
Non-Resident Yrly-Over 65	19	23	35
Non-Resident Daily	14	13	17
Non-Resident Daily-Over 65	4	2	8
Over 60 Free Recreational	28	39	22

Revenue from sales of all shellfish licenses \$59,546.50

<u>Sporting Licenses</u>	<u>1997</u>
Resident Fishing	142
Resident Fishing Minor	3
Resident Fishing 65-69	10
Resident Fishing Handicapped (free)	15
Non-Resident Fishing	3
Resident Hunting	88
Resident Hunting Minor	3
Resident Hunting 65-69	5
Resident Hunting Handicapped (free)	1
Non-Resident Hunting	5
Resident Sporting	54
Resident Sporting 65-69	9
Resident Sporting Over 70 (free)	26

Archery Stamps	28
Primitive Firearms Stamps	27
Waterfowl Stamps	69
Wildlands Conservation Stamps	320
Total	808

Revenue sent in to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife \$10,179.50

Revenue Report for the Town Clerk's Office - 1997

Antiques & Old Metals Licenses.....	\$ 25.00
Auction Permits.....	3,550.00
Automatic Amusement Licenses.....	1,950.00
Boating Fines.....	2,700.00
Beer & Wine Licenses.....	5,600.00
Booklets Sold.....	22.00
Bowling Alley Licenses.....	80.00
By-Laws, Maps Sold.....	1,722.00
Class I Licenses.....	200.00
Class II Licenses.....	1,600.00
Class III Licenses.....	100.00
Certified Copy Fees.....	4,233.92
Common Victuallers Licenses.....	2,050.00
Dog Fines.....	1,445.00
Dog Licenses.....	19,800.00
Flammables Licenses.....	25.00
Kayak License.....	200.00
Liquor Licenses (All Alcoholic).....	30,625.00
Marriage Licenses.....	1,780.00
Miscellaneous Fees.....	29.88
One-Day All Alcoholic Licenses.....	100.00
One-Day Beer & Wine Licenses.....	50.00
Raffle Permits.....	150.00
Recording Fees.....	4,669.00
Seasonal All Alcoholic Licenses.....	2,400.00
Shellfish Permits.....	59,546.50
Shellfish Fines.....	950.00
Sporting Licenses.....	10,179.50
Sporting Fees to the Town.....	183.75
Street Lists Sold.....	1,440.00
Sunday Entertainment Licenses.....	860.00
Taxi Licenses.....	130.00
Weekday Entertainment Licenses.....	1,000.00
Total.....	\$159,396.55

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Board of Registrars

Edmund Traverso, Chair

Mary Maloney

Phillip F. Grenier

Frances A. Richards, Clerk

The Board of Registrars is responsible for voter registration and the certification of nomination papers, citizens' petitions and initiative petitions. This year we certified 955 signatures on 277 sheets of initiative petitions for questions which will appear on the November 1998 state ballot.

Town Meetings & Elections for 1997:

April 7, 1997 - Annual Town Meeting with 31 articles in the warrant - 300 voters attending

April 14, 1997 - Annual Town Election with 1,977 votes cast 23% of the total voters (8,441)

October 20, 1997 - Special Town Meeting with 29 articles in the warrant - 394 voters attending

Registered Voters as of October 14, 1997 - 8,482

Of the 554 new voters registered in 1997, 110 registrations were received by mail, 246 in the office, 3 at state agencies and 195 at the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>DEMOCRAT</u>	<u>REPUBLICAN</u>	<u>LIBERTARIAN</u>	<u>UNENROLLED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	450	412	3	1,232	2,097
2	513	330	4	1,283	2,130
3	369	382	9	1,520	2,280
4	425	303	4	1,243	1,975
Totals	1,757	1,427	20	5,278	8,482

Sincere thanks to all the Election Constables and Election Officials for an excellent job this year working together at one polling location. The following served as Election Constables during 1997: Andrew Agapow, Bruce Bryant, Richard Freeman, Ronald Graves, John Meers, Dick Ostberg and Charles McKenzie. The following served as Election Officials during 1997: Barbara Stone, Dorothy Levesque, Deborah Bromby, Nancy Jewell, Anastasia Pricenski, Ruth Paulitz, Virginia Player, Felicia Taillon, Diana Comeau, Margaret Whittier, Cynthia Burns, Theresa Greaney, Dorcas Rice, Marcia Inman, Jane Janvrin, James Lahar, Margaret Broekel, Mary Cunningham, Charles and Helen LeBlanc, Ray and Ruth Barrows, Moira McLaughlin, Isobel Coulombe, Geraldine Heigh, Rosemary Parks, Marlene Shannon and Lucille Dallas.

MIS DEPARTMENT

Daniel R. Parker, MIS Director

The MIS Department sprang to life in 1997 with many interesting and challenging projects right from the beginning. A local-area network was installed connecting virtually all of the PC's in Town Hall. Users of the network can now communicate via e-mail as well as share files with each other on a network disk. The installation of the network was event free, and it has been running smoothly for over six months. Departments have found it much easier to work on projects together due to the increased connectivity.

Investigative work has begun on building a wide-area network for the Town. This would connect the major municipal buildings together and allow for even greater communication. The Town has been provided with free fiber-optic lines due to an agreement made with the cable company Media One. We hope to take advantage of these lines to build the network.

The year 1997 also began the process of connecting the Town to the Internet. By December, OEM, Inc., of Boston had been chosen to provide the service which will be installed in January of 1998. Internet e-mail will be invaluable for greater communication, and plans have already started for the Town's own web page.

In 1998, we will continue to look for ways to improve efficiency and streamline operations through the use of technology. Our goal is to provide useful information in a timely manner to the public.

IPSWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Eleanor M. Gaunt, Head Librarian

Library Improvement Project

The year 1997 will go down in the record books as the year that the long-awaited 20-year Library Expansion Project got underway. A contract was signed with low bidder Rene C. Lamarre & Company of Salem on March 25th for \$1,737,000; and work began almost immediately following an impressive ground-breaking ceremony on May 10th. A construction fence and trailer first appeared, followed by excavation work in June. Rock removal, further site preparation work, and foundation pouring continued throughout the summer and autumn months; and by year's end structural steel was on site and partially in place, affording a preview of the scope and scale of the finished expansion.

During the April Fool's Day Blizzard of 1997, 22,000 adult nonfiction books were removed to temporary storage facilities

provided by Ebsco Publishing. This move was necessitated by the impending removal of the small temporary wing housing this collection.

Ground-breaking on May 10th, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, was a joyous family affair, focusing on children and highlighted by music, singing, and digging. On hand were Library Trustees, a representative from the Board of Library Commissioners, and other state and local officials.



A revised grant application for Library Construction Funds in the amount of \$902,000 was submitted February 4th. Favorably considered by the Board of Library Commissioners, Ipswich was placed at number 27 on the waiting list for funding. The bill passed the full Senate in 1997, and final action by the House of Representatives is anticipated in early 1998.

Other Library Activities

A Massachusetts Library Association Public Relations Award was presented to the Library at the MLA Annual Conference in April. Our media presentation, the videotape entitled "Renewing Our Library", produced by the Friends of the Library to promote the Library Expansion Project to the community, was awarded First Place.

Circulation

Total Library circulation reached 95,631 during 1997, a decrease of 9% from the previous year attributable to adult nonfiction

being in storage. Similarly, a portion of the children's collection was unavailable due to construction-related loss of shelving. Inter-library loan statistics also reflected a decrease in items loaned, 1,841; but items borrowed for Ipswich patrons, 2,575, increased as staff attempted to meet patron needs through other library collections. Even with this drop in circulation, however, per capita use stood at 7.74 - a small drop from the previous year's 8.18 per capita borrowing.

Collections

New items purchased during 1997 were 2,917 books, 91 audiotapes (including Books on Tape), 152 videos, and 58 CD's. In the Library collections, there are now 74,812 books, 593 videos, 528 CD's, and 1,155 cassettes.

Friends of the Library

Membership in the "Friends" continues to grow. There are now 438 active members who support not only the popular museum pass program (free admission to seven museums is offered), but also provide the majority of the Library's new books on tape, CD's, and videos. Their support for children's programming has brought outstanding entertainment and education to the young community. By far, the Friends' most outstanding effort during 1997 was the Furnishings Fund Drive, a result of great dedication and hard work which topped the original goal of \$150,000. A diversified array of programs for adults continued uninterrupted thanks to the United Methodist Church, which offered meeting space to the Friends.

Memorial Gifts

Donations to the Library's Memorial Book Fund were received in memory of Charles Dodge, Siiri Grant, Charlotte Janet Donovan and Charles Bachini of Hamilton. A Permanent Memorial Fund was established by the family of Janet E. Johnson in her memory.

Children's Department

Activities began with a two-night Calligraphy workshop in February which was attended by fifteen people. The Children's Room also provided film entertainment for youngsters during winter vacation, and three weekly storytime programs for preschoolers continued to be offered from October through June. First Church has kindly loaned us space for Story Hour.

Carrying out our "Building a New Library" theme, the Children's Summer reading program theme was "CELEBRATION". Hard hats represented names of participating readers. A carnival party featured balloon sculpture and a magic show; and, in conjunction with the Annual Trustee Cookout, entertainment was provided by Matthew Schnoffler's snake adventure. Evening storytimes continued to be well-attended, as was a dog training demonstration. Through a grant program from the Massachusetts Council for the Arts, storyteller Bob Thomas entertained both children and adults alike.

Our many guests during the year included the Middle School sixth grade, the Montessori School, Rowley Preschool, Ascension Nursery School, a home schooling group, and after-school day care, as well as regular visits from the Head Start program.

The Trustees are anticipating completion of the new Library late in the summer of 1998 and look forward to welcoming the community to the Town's newest downtown treasure.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
George Jewell, Chair

As of October 1, 1997, the total Ipswich student population was 1,923. The total enrollment increased 2.9% over the prior year. This year we have spent an additional \$400,000 or roughly 4% of our total budget on increased costs to provide necessary services to special needs students. With increased enrollment, increased special education costs and inflation running 3-4% per year as well, the limits of Proposition 2-½ have made it difficult to maintain compatible funding for the school system.

Over last summer, the School Committee added two modular classrooms at the Middle School to help with the increasing number of students and the overcrowding. Last June, the School Committee received State approval for the high school / middle school building project, which means Ipswich will receive about 62% reimbursement for the interest and principal cost of the new school. The year Ipswich will begin to receive the State funds is dependent on the magnitude of funding by the State Legislature. We anticipate receiving funds from the State in 4 or 5 years. At that time, the Schools will convert the short term borrowing to long term bonds and begin paying principal and interest on the total debt outstanding similar to a home mortgage. In the meantime, the Schools will pay interest only on the money actually borrowed. The Committee has been actively involved in setting the educational requirements for the new building. To date, we are pleased that the new design accommodates the educational requirements and continues the community aspect of the building. The School Committee is very appreciative of the funding support received for the Schools.



Ground breaking ceremony at Ipswich High School. Board of Selectmen Chair James Engel (left), School Committee Chair George Jewell, and School Building Committee Chair Lawrence Seidler.

Massachusetts, under the Education Reform Law of 1993, has instituted statewide testing to gauge the progress of a school district in meeting higher standards required by Education Reform. To move forward with the testing phase of Education Reform, the Department of Education administered Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) in the spring of 1997. The ITED is a nationally normed, standardized achievement test. Grade 10 students took the complete battery of seven tests. Ipswich students scored in the 75th percentile. Ipswich was 5th out of the 13 North Shore communities that we compare ourselves to. A percentile rank score does not tell what students know or can do or what they do not know. It tells only how Ipswich's students' knowledge or skills compares with that of those in the norm group. Also in the spring of 1997, Grade 3 students took the Iowa tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) in reading comprehension, vocabulary and spelling. Curriculum Frameworks sets the goal that every child will become an effective reader by the end of the third grade. Ipswich students tested in the 77th percentile in reading for Grade 3. Ipswich was 3rd out of the 13 North Shore communities. These scores do not take into account that we have recently strengthened our reading skills curriculum in the primary grades.

The Iowa tests were administered on an interim one-time-only basis during the development of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Beginning in the spring of 1998, individual student performance will be measured using MCAS. The graduating class of 2003 must pass the Grade 10 MCAS as a graduation requirement. The Department of Education is currently working on developing the tests and setting higher standards. The School Committee has been increasing our graduation requirements in anticipation of these higher standards. When other states have instituted a program such as this, the initial

test scores showed that less than 50% of the students will pass. This may also happen to Ipswich students. We applaud these higher standards. The school staff is working very hard on the frameworks to improve the curriculum to benefit our students.

We continue to run an innovative and caring school system. The school system fosters an environment which promotes learning while preserving the inherent worth, dignity, and integrity of each student and celebrating the richness of the differences that exist within the student body. We prepare each student for a lifetime of learning. This learning helps each student reach his or her potential. Our staff continues its professional development to further the goal of continual improvement in teaching quality.

The Ipswich Public Schools has continued its commitment to using technology in the classrooms, fostering cooperative learning and self motivation in a project driven environment. We call it the Ipswich 21st Century classroom. Increased implementation has been made more difficult again this year because of having to shift resources to cover unanticipated costs for students moving into town and increased cost to provide required services to special needs students. We have had over 100 other school systems visit to view how we integrate computers into the curriculum at all levels, supporting math, science, music, writing, technical design, and social studies. At the same time, the math curriculum in the schools has received considerable recognition as a result of the middle school math team's success in competition with much larger schools.

The goal of the schools is to equip students to compete for jobs in the 21st century. This includes developing in each an appreciation for life and a motivation to reach to each person's potential. The school staff works to cultivate the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of all students. These include life-long habits of inquiry and thinking skills so that each may constructively participate in our ever changing world.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Richard F. Thompson

This year, 1997, was an excellent year for the Ipswich Schools. All the hard work of the teachers, administrators, school committee, and others associated with the schools finally paid off in the best way possible. Our student learning has dramatically improved! In fact, our student test performance averaged at approximately the 80th percentile on the new State assessment. No school district in the State scored higher than the 93rd percentile. Only two school districts on the North Shore did better in both State tests than Ipswich. This Ipswich success was achieved on a budget per student that is slightly below the State average while most of the other districts that

are in our test score range have much higher budgets, more money to spend per child.

The question asked of Ipswich over and over again is how are we doing it? Everyone wants to improve education, but test results over the country have not dramatically improved. Our answer lies in a variety of actions. We have changed our teaching methods to more closely mirror the demands of the real world situations our students will face when they enter the world of work or of higher education. I have encouraged strong teaming and cooperation between teachers, administrators and parents. Without this type of true cooperation, schools will never improve learning opportunities for students. Our teachers have been willing to upgrade their skills and have voluntarily participated in 21st Century conferences like the Daggett workshops and in the summer technology training programs. Our school committee has been supportive of quality education and brave enough to take hard stands to make it happen.

The end results of all our work is that our high school graduates are being accepted at wonderful colleges. Eighty percent are now going to advance schooling. Our teachers and administrators are being asked to present at state and national conferences on our new teaching strategies and the school culture that sustains these new techniques. In one case this fall, the United States Secretary of Education and the Chairman of the Federal Communication Commission were the main speakers at a national conference regarding web sites. The only live example displayed was the Ipswich Web Site, www.familyeducation.com/Ma/Ipswich. All 16,000 school districts in the U.S. were encouraged to build web sites like Ipswich. If you have not examined the web site, please log on and explore the wonderful educational happenings in our schools.

All this good education needs adequate facilities to make it happen better and more smoothly; and we continue to thank you, the taxpayers of Ipswich, for your support with our new school. The building project has started. The first phase involving site preparation is finished. I am still very pleased with the quality design. We are making sure the design stays within budget. The project will be bid in February. Building construction will begin this spring.

I feel both sad and joyous in writing this end-of-the-year report. Deeply sad because it will be my last report. These 17 years as Superintendent of Schools in Ipswich have been a great honor. I also feel great joy in being able to write to you, our community members, and say that I believe all of our collective hard work has been worth it. We have done the best we know how for our students, our teachers, and our community. We have done it together. I leave the position of superintendent believing that while the journey was not always easy, it was surely worth the effort. I want to thank all of you for your help, your support, and your care about our schools and our community.

IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL
Barry R. Cahill, Principal

Ipswich High School has experienced positive growth in a number of areas during the past year. Population continues to rise. We listed 430 students on our rolls in October with significantly larger entering classes scheduled for the next several years.

Our program has experienced dynamic growth and change. We are in the second year of a schedule in which there are no study halls, while most classes are run in 90 minute blocks of time. During the past year, we increased our graduation requirements. The Class of 2000 and beyond will be expected to meet graduation requirements that are the most demanding in the State of Massachusetts. Total graduation requirements will have risen by 30% over a four year period.

A great deal of time and energy has been placed on preparing students to meet very demanding state testing guidelines. In May of 1998, the State Department of Education will begin administering annual tests to students in Grades 4, 8 and 10. Students in the Class of 2003 and beyond must successfully pass these curriculum-based tests in order to qualify for a diploma. We are actively revising and aligning our curriculum to meet these testing expectations.

Technology continues to play a strong role at Ipswich High School. Five classrooms now utilize the 21st Century classroom concept. The entire building is expected to have access to on-line services through Media One at some point this spring. We continue to expand our capacity to assist students in research and writing projects.

Our extra-curricular program is thriving. Sports teams continue their winning ways. Our Math Team and Science Team routinely place at the top of their competitions. Our outstanding Fine Arts program is flourishing. One hundred and twenty students will spend the April vacation visiting England under the very capable direction of Band Director Jerry Dolan and Music Director Katherine Murphy. A number of musical performances will highlight this exciting trip.

Perhaps most exciting of all is the planning process for our new school. Great thanks goes to the community for supporting what should be a wonderful new school. The combination of superb facilities and our strong educational program will make Ipswich High School a truly wonderful place to educate your children.

Our thanks to the citizens of Ipswich for their continued support of our outstanding high school.

R.C. WHIPPLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Cheryl Forster, Principal

I am pleased to be reporting to the citizens of Ipswich in my third year as principal of a dynamic and improving school system. We began the year meeting the continued challenge of a rapidly increasing enrollment. This school was built for 360 students, and we are currently educating more than 455. Our new school building will be ready just in time. This past summer, two modular classrooms were installed, side by side, on the Green Street lawn for our school. This has become our Grade 7 Language Arts Program. While we were initially skeptical of these "white boxes," they have turned out to be clean, bright, airy and very functional classroom space that we very much appreciate and need.

Every inch of our beautiful, but aging, building is being used creatively with excellent programming to reach the all important "whole child." Each grade level specializes in exploratory and child centered topics which offer a variety of learning experiences and opportunities. At the Whipple Middle School, we work in a "team" approach. Teaching blocks are well over an hour for in-depth learning; and teachers do not work with more than 80 students at any given time. This enables teachers and students to get to know each other in order to maximize the learning experience.

Students in Grade 6 spend an intensive and focused week in the fall at Nature's Classroom on Lake Ossipee in New Hampshire. All our Grade 6 staff attend and form close bonds with the students they will teach for the year. The outdoor curriculum is high interest, and many new friends and relationships are forged.

Grade 7 students spend four days in a canoe on the Ipswich River seeing first hand where their river begins and ends. They canoe miles through forest, wetlands and marshes, collecting data all the way. They finish their trip paddling past our own Middle School and pull out on Hog Island.

Grade 8 students focus on government. Their culminating activity is a week-long trip to Washington, D.C., learning about the operation of our national government and visiting many famous landmarks and battlefields while studying the people and places that make this country great.

Other programs of note are our excellent competitive mathematics league who rank very high in the State and our drama, dance and music departments involving more than half of our student population. They play instruments and sing, dance and perform with a high level of accomplishment. Student athletes participate in sports programs which teach skills, sportsmanship and wellness. Technology is a part of our school today; and students are comfortable using computers, faxes, scanners, and

modems. Our Whipple Web site is managed and maintained by students and faculty.

The Massachusetts Department of Education has developed Framework documents for all major subject areas, and our curriculum is now aligned to this important mandate. Our outstanding professional faculty works diligently to clarify our vision for education - that every child can learn. We are constantly finding new ways to reach and teach all who come to our schools.

It is an exciting time to be working with young people. We love our work, and we invite you to join us.

PAUL F. DOYON MEMORIAL SCHOOL
Kenneth B. Cooper, Ph.D., Principal

The calendar year 1997 at the Paul F. Doyon Memorial School can be characterized as one of both continuity and change: continuity in terms of our ongoing efforts to implement a rigorous and highly relevant educational program, and change in terms of new initiatives in support of our vision statement and aligning our curricula with the new Massachusetts Educational Frameworks.

Our vision statement, "Literacy for All - Excitement for Learning," emerged from a year's work by the School Council with input from the faculty and staff, as well as parents and students. It signals a renewed multi-year focus on the essential basic skills of reading, speaking, listening, and writing. In support of this initiative, Doyon staff wrote several competitive grants which have been funded by the State Department of Education resulting in our offering 36 hours of training over six early release days in primary grade reading and writing instruction utilizing the Project Read approach. Twenty-eight Doyon staff members have taken the training and have begun implementation of the program with significant educational gains for our students already apparent. Other related literacy events include the "Book Bag" program, also funded by a State grant; the new early childhood reading tutorial program in grades 1-4; several faculty workshops on Handwriting (offered by an occupational therapist) so faculty in different classes and grade levels can be consistent in how they teach letter formation; and the formation of two faculty teams: the "Literacy for All" team to monitor and make recommendations regarding our reading assessment and literacy instructional programs, and the "Excitement for Learning" team to work with parents and students in stimulating a broad range of experiences in the language arts.

Other noteworthy educational events and staff-development initiatives last year include: 1) a series of workshops sponsored by the Ipswich Savings Bank to assist teachers in aligning our science curriculum with the goals and learning

standards outlined in the Massachusetts Department of Education Science Framework; 2) expansion of our after-school parent-run **Odyssey of the Mind** program; 3) more integration of technology including funding for a 21st Century classroom, a new approach to teaching keyboarding called the "Alameda" program in Grades 4 and 5, and an internet site on the world-wide web with pages designed by students,--Congressman John Tierney visited us and then wrote in a note, "I visit a large number of schools every week, and although many of them have access to computers, the Doyon School's utilization of those computers as a learning tool clearly set you apart."; 4) additional staffing in art and music, expansion of our orchestral string program, and a series of evening art and music programs; 5) extension of our **language-based** program to cover two grades; 6) new diagnostic procedures to identify in preschool or kindergarten children who may have difficulty learning to read; and 7) participation by 26 faculty in a voluntary process of goal setting and self-evaluation, that includes input from administrators, colleagues, students and parents. These are efforts that will continue and extend into the next year as we underscore the importance for ourselves and our students of being "lifelong" learners open to ongoing growth and change.

Last year we continued emphasizing to students not only the importance of being good "learners," but also of being good "people" and concerned citizens. Students in a Grade 5 class, in association with the Council on Aging, taught a computer course for senior citizens. Other Grade 5 students raised funds for Oxfam America and for the Peace Corps Project in Honduras. Students in all grades participated in monthly food drives (coordinated by the Friends of Doyon) to assist the Ipswich Food Pantry. We collected more than 1,500 books that were donated to another Massachusetts community through the **Spread the Word** program. The monthly citizenship themes have continued as have the quarterly Citizens Awards, and the holiday cards to Ipswich senior citizens program. Students in a number of grades also participated in caroling for senior citizens.

Our enrollment is at a recent all-time high of 530. We have gained more than 50 students in the past two years and more than 150 since I assumed the principalship at Doyon in 1987. Despite the increase in enrollment, we have been able to maintain an average class size in the low 20's through creative utilization of space (and thank goodness for the "addition!") and the School Committee's support for increasing the number of classroom teachers as enrollment has climbed.

Last year we played host to more than 50 visiting educators who came to see our programs and to learn from our staff. This past year, one of our grade five classrooms was designated a "Lighthouse" classroom by the Department of Education (one of only a few in the State). This year, also, more than a dozen staff have presented aspects of our work at regional and national conferences. On a recent state-mandated achievement test, our

overall school score placed us within the top 5% of schools nationally. We have much to be grateful for and much to be proud of.

On this the occasion of my tenth annual report, I would like to extend a special thanks to the incredibly dedicated and talented faculty and staff of the Doyon School, and to the large number of parent helpers, volunteers, and fabulous Friends of Doyon whose involvement and support are so important to us as we continue our mission to prepare children for the rest of their lives.

WINTHROP SCHOOL
Carolyn Davis, Principal

Ongoing professional growth and commitment by the Winthrop School community during 1997 produced an even higher level of excellence for our students. Teachers and assistants continued to complete courses and attend workshops and conferences to increase their skills and knowledge. This dedication of time and effort benefited our students in countless ways. One of Winthrop's hallmarks is the strong, collaborative community which enhances continuous improvement for everyone. Goal setting, reflection, and clear evidence of learning were ways that we were able to foster this improvement.

The Winthrop School Council and the Winthrop staff breathed life into our new vision: **A community of learners becoming leaders, embracing change, and shaping the future.** This was accomplished through the offering of more leadership opportunities for students and adults.

Our impressive 1997-98 School Improvement Plan was presented in the form of an Implementation Tree Diagram tying the vision to our mission, core values, key processes, goals, objectives, and action plans. Work on our three goals is well underway with a focus on:

- * Early literacy
- * Respect as demonstrated through listening
- * Parent dialogue.

Winthrop School staff members continued to make presentations at national and state conferences so that other schools could learn from our example. Observations of our efforts in the integration of technology, multi-grade classrooms, inclusion of all students, early childhood programs, authentic assessment, and library/media center innovations enabled us to be mentors to other school systems.

The Friends of Winthrop and Volunteers in School program continued to make major contributions of time, fundraising, and effort in order to increase the quality of our programs. The Friends' fundraising projects contributed significant financial

support to the school for monthly special program assemblies, instructional resources for teachers, and after school programs, particularly the Odyssey of the Mind program. The Winthrop staff and I are appreciative of this tremendous generosity and support.

I am proud to be a member of such a dynamic and vibrant learning community. The Winthrop families, staff, students and I are grateful for the continuous support from the Town of Ipswich and for your partnership in achieving educational excellence for all our children.

IPSWICH HOUSING AUTHORITY
Robert Como, Chair

Ipswich Housing Authority Commissioners accepted the completion of the road work, drainage and sidewalks in five developments that have greatly improved the overall quality and appearance for these complexes including additional parking slots and handicapped spaces.

Extensive exterior painting and repairs to 184 units of housing at Caroline Avenue and Agawam Village are nearly completed. This also includes some new siding, doors and trim where needed giving a beautiful new appearance to the completed areas. A new Housing Authority sign has been installed at the beginning of the property. Some tree work and trim have been completed.

The Board of Commissioners voted to reapply for an additional Chapter 689 Group Home for four clients of special needs. The Board also voted to participate in the First Time Home Buyers Program.

The Authority's attorney Allen Swan left private practice to accept a Judgeship. The Authority secured the services of Attorney Timothy Sullivan from Newburyport to replace Judge Swan.

A new position of Assistant Executive Director was created by the Board of Commissioners, and Marilyn Wilson who has held the title of Rental Administrator for several years was appointed to the new position.

The Authority once again participated in the Summer Youth Program from July through August giving employment to the local area youth through North Shore Employment Training of Lynn.

Contracts were renewed with Health and Education Services, Inc., for services to elderly and handicap young adults living in elderly developments, and also renewed contract with SeniorCare of Gloucester to provide Group Adult Foster Care for our frail elderly.

An Award of Recognition was given to several of our elderly

tenants who live at Agawam Village for their generous assistance to residents with special needs at the Ipswich House. The Awards were given by Riverside Community Care Management Personnel.

The birth date of the Ipswich Housing Authority is April 24, 1948, and plans are in progress to celebrate its 50th Anniversary in May 1998.

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL
Richard J. Coyle, Representative

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency representing 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston area. Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, it serves as a forum for state and local officials and provides technical planning assistance and service delivery to its member communities. MAPC works with cities and towns through eight subregional organizations whose members are appointed by chief elected officials and planning boards. The Council provides the subregions with financial, planning and administrative support, and offers technical aid on selected special projects. MAPC is a designated Economic Development District of the federal Economic Development Administration; and as one of 14 members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program.

MAPC completed another successful year of working with its communities, state agencies, various non-profit groups, universities, businesses, special interest coalitions, state and federal legislators, and other regional planning agencies. The agency held at least 15 regularly scheduled meetings each month, eight of which were in the different subregions. These meetings plus special workshops, seminars, focus groups, and conferences linked together the hundreds of issues and individuals who are part of the Boston area's and the nation's planning scene. It was this network that provided the energy, vision and focus for MAPC's activities in the region.

After years of concern about the role of local governments in state transportation planning and funding decisions, 1997 saw a landmark achievement in the formation of a new Boston area MPO. The reorganization was the outcome of federally supported mediation, with MAPC serving as a key negotiator for a stronger state/local partnership. MPO voting members now include seven cities and towns, along with seven state and regional agencies, including MAPC. The municipal and regional members of the MPO are responsible for programming about \$40 million per year in local road and bridge projects, about one-third of the total funds available for the metropolitan region. MAPC works with

communities to develop a list of local projects to be programmed

for funding.

In September, the first Transportation Improvement Program was adopted by the new MPO. The TIP also included \$10 million for "Enhancement projects," and \$3 million for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects. As a regional planning agency, MAPC's role is in both the Enhancement and TDM programs is to solicit proposals and prescreen them for funding eligibility.

As always, the agency also participated in a variety of transportation related projects. One of the major efforts this year involved working on the Transportation Summit meeting that was held in Springfield. This effort was organized to support the reauthorization of ISTEA and help assure that federal transportation funding for New England is not diminished. MAPC completed a three-year Pavement Management system project that involved the inspection of all federal-aid eligible roadways throughout the entire MAPC region. A report on the over 3,000 miles of road that were inspected was submitted to the Massachusetts Highway Department.

A new project that was organized last year was the Metropolitan Greenspace Initiative. Over 65 environmental and historic preservation organizations have indicated their interest in participating in this effort that MAPC is currently staffing. As part of this project, the agency has produced a map that illustrates the development growth in the greater Boston area from 1970 to 1991.

In addition to playing a major role on a number of regional boards and commission, the staff also applied for and received grants to investigate shared services in one of the subregions and also to help communities deal with the issue of utility deregulation.

In 1997, the agency also completed a project that focuses on opportunities for bolstering the shoreline seafood processing and distribution industries in the Commonwealth, including an analysis of the importance of the industry to affected coastal communities in Massachusetts.

IPSWICH CULTURAL COUNCIL
Georgia Flood, Chair

This past year the Town of Ipswich received an allocation of \$4890 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. These funds help support various programs in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences within the community. In 1997, the Ipswich Cultural Council regranted funds to ten groups and individuals, with programs ranging from storytelling at the library to The Northshore Youth Symphony. Many people are now aware of the

availability of these grants. This past year we received over twenty applications.

Once again the Annual Ipswich Art Show was held at the Winthrop School in July. This was a great success, with over fifty artists from Ipswich represented. Ten awards were given, and Professor David Broudo from Endicott College was our judge. This show is open to all residents who are eighteen years or older.

Meetings are held monthly throughout the year to work on the grant cycle, the art show, and other upcoming ICC sponsored projects. We are actively seeking new members.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Glenn Hazelton, Chair

During the past year, the Open Space Committee (OSC) has been pursuing three major goals. The first has been to secure a revenue stream that can be used to purchase in whole or in part open parcels deemed important to the Town for their open space characteristics.

The second goal has been to detail the characters of parcels that can be used to determine their quality and value from an open space perspective. This method of assessment is needed for determinations by the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Board of Selectmen.

The third goal has been to prepare for updating the Open Space and Conservation Plan. This update is required by the State every five years so that the Town can qualify for monetary assistance when purchasing open space and conservation lands. To prepare for this, we have been meeting with representatives from the relevant Town boards and departments.

COASTAL POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
Wayne Castonguay, Chair

The Coastal Pollution Control Committee (CPCC) was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 1992 to identify the sources of contamination responsible for the closure of the Town's shellfish beds. After completing an extensive research program between 1992-95, we submitted a final report to the Selectmen which included over 100 recommendations to solve the problem. Since our final report was issued in 1995, we have been working with the various Town boards and departments to adopt our recommendations.

The year 1997 has been a productive and exciting year for the CPCC. Due to the adoption of some of the reports'

recommendations through the hard work of the Town's employees and volunteers, coastal water quality in Ipswich has begun to show signs of improvement. This improvement has been most pronounced in the Ipswich and Castle Neck Rivers which are currently closed to clamming due to pollution. If more of the recommendations are adopted, we expect these areas to be clean enough to allow shellfishing in the very near future. The re-opening of these two areas would result in an average \$300,000 - \$500,000 increase in total income each year to our 150+ resident commercial shellfishermen. Because most clams are processed and sold by Ipswich companies, this increased production would result in a nearly \$2 million dollar annual increase in economic activity in the Town. In addition, because these areas are easily accessed, the re-opening would benefit our 300+ recreational shellfishermen as well.

We expect to continue working with the Town to adopt the remaining recommendations in 1998. If we are successful, we hope there will not be a need for our committee much longer and the Town's coastal waters will remain clean well into the future!

HALL-HASKELL HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
Terri Stephens/Stephanie Gaskins, Co-Chairs

Through the generosity of townspeople to our direct mail campaign, a small grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and monies allocated through town meeting, we were able to complete the first floor of the Hall-Haskell House.

To those of us who have toiled on this project for many years, it is a dream come true. The first floor sports insulation in its walls, upgrading of the electrical system, new outlets, new fixtures and heating fan units so that the house can be used longer into the season. The bathroom is now handicap accessible.

Wallboard on the walls, window trim, moldings, reconstruction of small closets and chair-rail moldings complete the rooms. Hearth repair along with sanded and refinished floors makes the downstairs come alive. The off-white interior walls extend the gallery theme while maintaining the simplicity of the house. Thanks to members of the Ipswich Arts Collaborative and many individuals for helping with the painting.

Both the Ipswich information Center and art gallery were open from May through October and enjoyed great visitation. Ruth Hetnar and Louise Ciolek, volunteer coordinators, did a wonderful job in keeping the center open and greeting visitors. We thank them and all the volunteers for their time and hospitality extended to all visitors that entered seeking information. Our "Decorate A Birdhouse Fundraiser" was a great success, and we thank all the artists that donated their talent to make this event possible and fun. The birdhouses were all very unique and

displayed a playful theme. White lights decorated the house at Christmas, and the gallery displayed artists' wares. It has been a wonderful festive year.

Our next goal is to raise monies to help restore the upstairs. We thank you, the citizens of Ipswich, Town fathers, artists and all volunteers for your support and enthusiasm. Thank you for making 1997 a wonderfully satisfying year.

BAY CIRCUIT COMMITTEE
Lawrence G. Eliot, Chair

The success of the Bay Circuit Guide to Walks in and Around Ipswich has reached the point where we need to bring the guide up to date and reprint.

The Committee is working with the State to provide updated trail maps and signage for Willowdale that will enable people to locate where they are in the Forest.

This spring, Patrick Glennon and his volunteers built a bridge over a wet area in Willowdale to assist people using the Bay Circuit Trail. In June, he monitored the trail for our part of a fifty mile run on the Bay Circuit from Prospect Hill in Rowley to Tewksbury possible. Other committee volunteers supplied water and manned check points.

The Committee supports the idea of developing a path along Argilla Road as a link to the Town and as an alternate route to Bradley Palmer and the Bay Circuit Trail.

Other projects involve working with the Planning Board settling the dispute with the Country Club over a proposed trail that goes along several of their back lots, maintaining the planned trail in the Hood Pond Development, and rerouting of the Bay Circuit Trail around the new fields off Mile Lane. Discussion is ongoing with the Town about the use of trails in back of Dow Reservoir which are in the watershed.

Guided trail hikes continue to be organized, advertised in the Chronicle, and led by members of the Committee. An informal walking/hiking group meets at Town Wharf parking lot on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. to explore local trails.

CABLE EMERGENCY ROOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mark J. Coltin, Chair

The Cable Emergency Room Advisory Committee focused in 1997 primarily on the claim by Beverly Hospital that it was suffering

severe financial losses as a result of the operation of the Cable Emergency Center. Essentially, Beverly Hospital sought to allocate to the Cable Emergency Center overhead which was not relevant to the calculation of the subsidy to be paid by the Town to Beverly Hospital pursuant to the 1987 Contract between the Town of Ipswich and Beverly Hospital. The Advisory Committee strongly disagreed with Beverly Hospital's position; and further stated that the Contract between the Town of Ipswich and Beverly Hospital was based on the actual direct costs of operating the Cable Emergency Center and never was to include overhead.

Beverly Hospital indicated that it had substantial data to support its position, some of which data was proprietary and not properly the subject of public examination. Beverly Hospital sent proposed "Rules of Engagement" which discussed the terms on which it would discuss this matter further with the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee rejected the Rules of Engagement.

However, due to the seriousness of the situation, and the need to determine whether in fact Beverly Hospital was suffering the losses claimed, the Board of Selectmen authorized two (2) members of the Committee, Clark Zeigler and Mark Coltin, to meet privately with Beverly Hospital officials to review financial data. Two (2) such meetings were held and a report was prepared regarding those meetings.

The aforesaid committee members determined that Beverly Hospital's claimed losses were primarily the result of internal overhead allocation to the Cable Emergency Center. If the Cable Emergency Center were closed, however, almost all those costs (other than approximately \$22,000.00), would not be eliminated but rather, would be allocated to other profit centers within Beverly Hospital. Beverly Hospital did indicate, however, that if it could close Cable Emergency Center, it could increase profits substantially by requiring most of the patients who would visit the Cable Emergency Center to go to Beverly Hospital's Emergency Room, but not being required to incur any costs with regard to the Cable Emergency Center.

The Advisory Committee's position has been that the Contract which was negotiated in good faith in approximately 1986 should remain in effect. Beverly Hospital indicated that it would be making proposals to the Advisory Committee relative to the Cable Emergency Center.

In December of 1997, Beverly Hospital sent its financial data concerning the Fiscal Year 1999 subsidy. The requested subsidy of \$173,160.00 is nearly \$7,000.00 less than the original subsidy paid by the Town of Ipswich in 1987. This was also a decrease of over \$30,000.00 from the subsidy which is being paid for fiscal year 1998.

The Cable Emergency Room Advisory Committee is pleased that the

Cable Emergency Center remains open and continues to provide a needed service to the Town of Ipswich. The Committee very much appreciates the strong support provided by the Selectmen, members of the community and the media with regard to this important issue.

TRUST FUND COMMISSION
William G. Markos, Chair

The by-law pertaining to the Trust Funds was changed on October 17, 1994, to read as follows:

Section 1. Custody of Funds and Securities. The Trust Fund Commissioners shall manage and control all trust funds and securities accepted by the Town which are not otherwise under the custody of the Board of the Cemetery and Park Commissions and/or the Board of Library Trustees. They may establish a general policy statement for the administration of funds hereunder.

Section 2. Investments and Expenditures of Trust Funds. The Town Treasurer may invest, reinvest, and expend trust funds as directed by the Trust Fund Commissioners consistent with the terms of the respective bequests and the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 54, as amended, and under the guidelines established by the Department of Revenue as outlined in the Treasurer's Manual.

The total Trust Funds amounted to \$1,404,815.67 as of June 30, 1997 (fiscal year end). All the funds are currently invested in the **Franklin Short Intermediate U.S. Government Securities Fund I**. This is a very conservative mutual fund where the average maturity of the bonds is 2.2 years. It is very stable and currently yields about 4¼%. Because it contains no common stock, it does not participate in the Stock Market moves. The bulk of the funds lies in five funds:

1.	Stabilization Fund	\$622,657.95
2.	Crane Beach Picnic Fund	207,366.21
3.	Pescosolido Scholarship Fund	105,384.53
4.	Cemetery Flower Fund	18,620.04
5.	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	277,856.10

These funds total \$1,231,884.83, and their expenditures are controlled by their respective trustees or committees. The remaining 15 separate funds total \$172,930.84, and various committees have jurisdiction over their expenditure.

The Commissioners would like to thank the Town Treasurer/Collector Virginia Cleary for her assistance during the past year.

TOWN OF IPSWICH
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990" as published in the Federal Register on July 26, 1991.

The Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, advised the public, employees, and job applicants that no qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, activities, or employment opportunities in the Town of Ipswich, or be subjected to discrimination by the Town. A "qualified individual with a disability" means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices, the removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers, or the provision of auxiliary aids and services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services, the participation in programs or activities, and access to job opportunities in the Town.

The Town of Ipswich has designated the following (person or office) as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this requirement. Inquiries should be directed to:

Name:	George E. Howe
Office:	Town Manager's Office
Address:	Town Hall, 30 South Main Street Ipswich, MA 01938
Phone Number:	(978)356-6609
Hours:	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Mondays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tues. - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Fridays

TRUSTEES OF THE IPSWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF FUND ACTIVITY
July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997

I.	Book Fund and Memorial Funds	
	Balance - July 1, 1996	\$31,594.24
	Contributions	5,323.00
	Interest Income	826.31
	Expenditures	
	Books	(1,349.86)
	Professional Fees	(359.50)
	Balance - June 30, 1997	<u>\$36,034.19</u>
II.	Ipswich Speaks Fund	
	Balance - July 1, 1996	\$1,619.00
	Grant	300.00
	Interest Income	96.87
	Balance - June 30, 1997	<u>\$2,015.87</u>
III.	Library Trust Fund	
	Balance - July 1, 1996	\$50,230.34
	Interest Income	2,576.12
	Augustine Heard Fund	\$12,797.70
	Elizabeth R. Lathrop Fund	1,869.90
	Adelaide B. Lockhart Fund	931.20
	Abby L. Newman Fund	4,301.00
	George Spiller Fund	1,524.00
	Daniel Treadwell Fund	31,382.66
	Balance - June 30, 1997	<u>\$52,806.46</u>

BURLEY EDUCATION FUND

Balance on hand January 1, 1997-----\$37,293.03

Income from funds for year 1997 as follows:

Interest: Ipswich Co-Operative Bankd
Money Market Certificate----- \$2,488.68

Donation: Former Ipswich Kiwanis Club----- \$2,482.95

Expenditures for year 1997 as follows:

None

Balance on hand January 1, 1998 as follows:

Ipswich Co-Operative Bankd Money
Market Certificate ----- \$42,264.66

FEOFFEES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Ipswich, Massachusetts

Balance, July 1, 1996	\$ 30,629.39
Cash Received	409,528.26
Expenditures	430,094.60
Balance, June 30, 1997	10,063.05

Little Neck Valuation	
Buildings and Land	\$ 22,683,000.00
Cash in First National Bank of Ipswich	10,063.05
Reserve for Erosion Account-Ipswich Coop. Bank	43,080.47
Reserve for Title 5 Account-Ipswich Savings Bank	38,590.81
Reserve for Ipswich Schools Account	<u>106,762.40</u>
	\$ 22,881,496.73

SCHEDULE I
Cash Receipts
July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

Buildings, Home and Land Taxes	\$320,088.67
Rents	<u>89,439.69</u>
	\$409,528.36

SCHEDULE A

Balance, July 1, 1996	\$ 30,629.39
Cash Receipts	<u>409,528.26</u>
	\$440,157.65
 Expenditures - Schedule II	 <u>430,094.60</u>
	 \$ 10,063.05
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SCHEDULE II
Expenditures
July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997

Taxes

*Town of Ipswich	\$320,088.67
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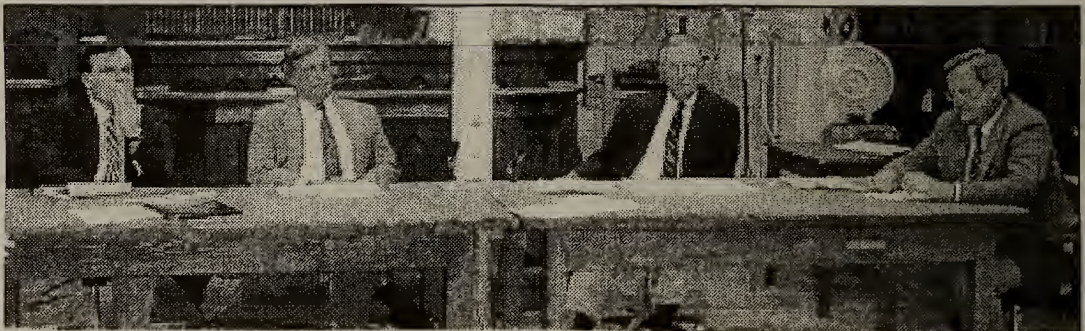
Repairs and Upkeep

*Docks & Floats	1,894.76
*Playgrounds	2,550.00
*Tree & Brush cutting	17,047.50
*Road Paving & Repair	2,761.60
*Maintenance	2,948.45

Other Expenses

*Salaries	6,700.00
*Transportation	500.00
*Police	4,771.85
*Office Expense	746.97
*Insurance	10,892.00
*Meetings	350.00
*Legal	1,815.00
*Title 5 Engineering	400.00
*Consultant	2,900.00
*Returned checks & service charges	3,727.80
*Gifts to Ipswich Schools	<u>50,000.00</u>

\$430,094.60



The Feoffees of the Grammar School, one of the oldest trusts in the nation, which is believed to have been established in 1647, held their annual meeting on May 6 in the Town Hall Court Room. Members include James W. Foley (left), Alexander Mullholland, Chairman Donald F. Whiston and Selectman Chair James R. Engel. Absent was Peter A. Foote.

TOWN OF IPSWICH
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 1997

	<u>Fund Balance 7/1/96</u>	<u>Cash 6/30/97</u>	<u>Revenue 6/30/97</u>	<u>Expenditures 6/30/97</u>	<u>Fund Balance 6/30/97</u>	<u>Warrants Payable</u>
Fund 200 – Revolving						
440 P&S Demetriou	0.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00	(2,100.00)	
801 Sea Pines	(1,051.25)	110.00	145.00	1,086.25	(110.00)	
802 Scott Hill	(3,107.50)	250.00	0.00	2,857.50	(250.00)	
803 Perley Meadows	(356.25)	(1,017.50)	500.00	1,873.75	1,017.50	
804 Mithcell/Avery	(225.00)	225.00	0.00	0.00	(225.00)	
805 Ashley Lane	(145.00)	285.00	1,900.00	1,760.00	(285.00)	
806 Hood Farm	0.00	0.00	2,362.50	2,362.50	0.00	
808 Wainwright Street	(6.25)	6.25	0.00	0.00	(6.25)	
811 Lower Scott Hill Road	(11,977.68)	11,977.68	0.00	0.00	(11,977.68)	
813 Egret Estates	(110.00)	110.00	0.00	0.00	(110.00)	
815 Dalton – Electric	(81.25)	81.25	0.00	0.00	(81.25)	
816 Hood Farm II	(8,140.00)	5,087.50	0.00	3,052.50	(5,087.50)	
817 218 – 220 High St – Leblanc	(715.00)	48.75	195.00	861.25	(48.75)	
818 Bradley Estates	0.00	13.75	3,800.00	3,786.25	(13.75)	
819 Hickory Lane	0.00	2.50	2,862.50	2,860.00	(2.50)	
820 Outside Detail – Police and Fire	27,062.14	(7,297.73)	158,871.23	143,408.43	11,599.34	4,301.61
821 Forfeit	(6,651.60)	6,719.70	79.80	0.00	(6,731.40)	11.70
822 Arts Lottery	(6,786.39)	5,548.54	5,340.34	6,578.19	(5,548.54)	
823 Recreation	(6,416.27)	6,908.36	22,649.11	22,890.05	(6,175.33)	733.03
824 Ins < 20,000	(7,721.14)	11,995.73	12,663.40	10,050.31	(10,334.23)	1,661.50
829 61 Avery Street	0.00	(322.50)	555.00	877.50	322.50	
830 Maria Drive	0.00	747.50	2,080.00	1,332.50	(747.50)	
865 Cedar Court	0.00	1,116.25	3,740.00	2,623.75	(1,116.25)	
Total Fund 200	(26,428.44)	44,696.03	219,843.88	208,260.73	(38,011.59)	
Fund 210 – School Revolving						
020 School Choice	(234,963.18)	253,860.87	227,647.00	222,578.77	(240,031.41)	13,829.46
021 Lost Books	(1,591.49)	2,578.71	987.22	0.00	(2,578.71)	
023 Athletic	(274.33)	5,630.56	41,650.52	37,132.24	(4,792.61)	837.95
024 Adult Education	(5,158.25)	4,569.95	5,994.00	6,582.30	(4,569.95)	
026 School Building	(3,212.28)	2,696.66	2,616.03	3,157.65	(2,670.66)	26.00
033 Extended Day	(60,460.71)	85,252.66	180,309.38	157,569.94	(83,200.15)	2,052.51
034 Pre – School	1,445.76	590.57	27,128.60	25,092.27	(590.57)	
038 Summer Program	(7,427.86)	4,829.13	4,376.00	6,974.73	(4,829.13)	
064 Tuition for State Wards	(44,249.00)	62,588.00	28,339.00	17,000.00	(55,588.00)	7,000.00
740 Co – Curricular	(1,543.33)	1,543.33	0.00	0.00	(1,543.33)	
Total Fund 210	(357,434.67)	424,140.44	519,047.75	476,087.90	(400,394.52)	
Total Revolving Funds	(383,863.11)	468,836.47	738,891.63	684,348.63	(438,406.11)	
Fund 220 – School Lunch						
032 Food Service	(64,129.94)	97,773.79	349,243.68	340,841.20	(72,532.42)	25,241.37

TOWN OF IPSWICH
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 1997

	Fund Balance 7/1/96	Cash 6/30/97	Revenue 6/30/97	Expenditures 6/30/97	Fund Balance 6/30/97	Warrants Payable
Fund 230 - Town Grants						
377 Art 14 ATM 4/96 Strom Water	0.00	(22,478.77)	14,726.00	38,757.59	24,031.59	1,552.82
382 Title V - Loan Program	0.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	(18,000.00)	
384 FEMA - FY97	0.00	10,218.00	15,072.00	4,854.00	(10,218.00)	
385 Storm Water BMP	0.00	(3,516.09)	0.00	3,516.09	3,516.09	
416 Collection Development	(2,567.20)	0.00	0.00	2,567.20	0.00	
420 Family Incentive Grant	0.00	(5,510.11)	18,750.00	24,260.11	5,510.11	
425 Domestic Violence Grant	0.00	(10,687.57)	76,347.60	87,485.80	11,138.20	450.63
610 Continental PEG	0.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00	(75,000.00)	
825 Plaques	(800.44)	800.44	0.00	0.00	(800.44)	
826 ABCC Stop	(0.30)	0.30	0.00	0.00	(0.30)	
850 Drug Prevention	(12,758.26)	5,429.86	14,000.00	21,556.40	(5,201.86)	228.00
851 Outreach	(232.00)	8,926.50	16,880.00	8,313.50	(8,798.50)	128.00
852 Senior Home Care	(557.97)	473.75	2,217.78	2,590.00	(185.75)	288.00
853 Burley School	(385.00)	385.00	0.00	0.00	(385.00)	
855 E.J. Markos	(45.00)	45.00	0.00	0.00	(45.00)	
856 Pallamino Way	(293.50)	293.50	0.00	0.00	(293.50)	
857 Parker Site	(350.00)	350.00	0.00	0.00	(350.00)	
858 Jewett Hill	(1,220.25)	1,220.25	0.00	0.00	(1,220.25)	
859 M. Filtranti	(60.00)	60.00	0.00	0.00	(60.00)	
860 JAS Realty	(100.00)	100.00	0.00	0.00	(100.00)	
861 Arrowhead Trail	(3,461.19)	3,461.19	0.00	0.00	(3,461.19)	
862 Bank ICC	(140.50)	140.50	0.00	0.00	(140.50)	
863 A. Filtranti B	(12.50)	12.50	0.00	0.00	(12.50)	
864 Bush Hill Trust	(100.11)	100.11	0.00	0.00	(100.11)	
870 P&D Comeau	(3,000.00)	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	(3,000.00)	
873 SAFE (Fire)	(1,100.39)	930.51	3,000.00	3,169.88	(930.51)	
877 Energy Conservation	(640.98)	643.65	2.67	0.00	(643.65)	
879 Elder Affairs	(1,150.91)	3,385.29	8,117.00	7,351.12	(1,916.79)	1,468.50
880 LIG/MEG	(32,129.40)	35,190.18	11,802.03	8,741.25	(35,190.18)	
883 Parker River PILOT	(80,294.00)	108,827.00	108,827.00	80,294.00	(108,827.00)	
884 EOCD Scanner	(102.75)	102.75	0.00	0.00	(102.75)	
885 First Time Buyer	(138.00)	11,250.00	36,527.19	25,415.19	(11,250.00)	
889 CPCC Mass Bay	(240.36)	0.00	0.00	240.36	0.00	
890 8 Towns and the Bay	(1,178.14)	1,115.94	1,650.00	1,712.20	(1,115.94)	
891 Community Policing	(6,503.46)	8,989.05	13,700.00	11,214.41	(8,989.05)	
892 Downtown Partnership	(4,419.42)	3,610.79	57,400.00	58,208.63	(3,610.79)	
896 Downtown Partnership #2	(3,125.77)	2,829.32	92,300.00	92,596.45	(2,829.32)	
897 Home Rehabilitation	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	
898 Downtown Partnership #3	0.00	(6,354.44)	5,000.00	11,772.04	6,772.04	417.60
900 Hall Haskell	(3,326.77)	0.00	317.70	3,644.47	(0.00)	
921 Wetlands Protection	(10,056.00)	0.00	0.00	10,056.00	0.00	
Total Fund 230	(170,490.57)	256,344.40	629,636.97	548,316.69	(251,810.85)	

TOWN OF IPSWICH
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 1997

	Fund Balance 7/1/96	Cash 6/30/97	Revenue 6/30/97	Expenditures 6/30/97	Fund Balance 6/30/97	Warrants Payable
Fund 240 – School Grants						
041 Curriculum Development Math/Sci	263.00	0.00	0.00	(263.04)	(0.04)	
062 Technical Education	(210.00)	3,785.00	2,800.00	2,405.00	(605.00)	
105 Advanced Placement Grant	0.00	4,780.00	7,322.00	7,322.00	0.00	4,780.00
107 Health Protection – Smoking	0.00	19,261.85	40,622.00	36,509.55	(4,112.45)	15,149.40
418 Health – Smoking Cessation	30,429.00	0.00	30,429.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Fund 240	30,482.00	27,826.85	81,173.00	45,973.51	(4,717.49)	
Fund 241 – School Grants 93						
003 VIB 240 – 203	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
011 Chapter II	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Fund 241	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fund 242 – School Grants 94						
001 VIB 240 – 259	(244.02)	0.00	0.00	244.02	0.00	
009 Anti Drug MS	666.16	0.00	0.00	(666.16)	0.00	
040 Title VIB 240 – 287	(10,865.96)	0.00	0.00	10,865.96	0.00	
042 Sped Early Childhood	(420.04)	0.00	0.00	420.04	0.00	
052 Chapter I/Title I	(4,679.63)	5,125.85	60,542.00	62,099.78	(3,121.85)	2,004.00
054 Title II 95 303	(4,278.00)	42.00	0.00	4,236.00	(42.00)	
056 Chapter II/Title VIB	(844.50)	3,249.52	3,250.00	3,250.00	0.48	3,250.00
059 Drug Prevention	0.00	778.70	8,340.00	8,965.78	(218.72)	559.98
102 SPED Early Childhood	0.00	51.00	11,110.00	11,059.00	(51.00)	
103 Eisenhower Prof Dev	0.00	3,222.16	4,429.00	1,278.46	(3,150.54)	71.62
104 2000 Curriculum Study Group	0.00	3,434.69	5,506.00	2,560.64	(2,945.36)	489.33
106 Title VIB 240	0.00	14,310.51	85,973.00	71,662.49	(14,310.51)	
410 Movable Feat	(1,351.40)	2,581.42	2,146.00	915.98	(2,581.42)	
419 School To Work	(1,300.00)	1,470.76	8,960.00	9,434.24	(825.76)	645.00
Total Fund 242	(23,316.91)	34,266.61	190,256.00	186,326.23	(27,246.68)	

TOWN OF IPSWICH
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
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	Fund Balance 7/1/96	Cash 6/30/97	Revenue 6/30/97	Expenditures 6/30/97	Fund Balance 6/30/97	Warrants Payable
Fund 243 - Transition Grant						
039 Transition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Fund 243	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Grants	<u>(163,325.48)</u>	<u>318,437.86</u>	<u>901,065.97</u>	<u>780,616.43</u>	<u>(283,775.02)</u>	
Fund 250 - Town Gifts						
330 COA Van Donations	0.00	1,383.10	3,133.38	1,750.28	(1,383.10)	
331 COA Misc Gifts	0.00	585.00	585.00	75.00	(510.00)	75.00
370 Boardwalk	(3.19)	3.19	0.00	0.00	(3.19)	
401 Huerlin	(573.58)	573.58	0.00	0.00	(573.58)	
411 Husser Family	(102.01)	307.01	205.00	0.00	(307.01)	
414 Cemetery/Parks	(15.00)	15.00	0.00	0.00	(15.00)	
827 Police Gifts	(235.00)	335.00	100.00	0.00	(335.00)	
850 Drug Prevention	0.00	867.00	867.00	0.00	(867.00)	
901 Teen Center	(244.75)	193.53	300.00	535.95	(8.80)	184.73
903 PARK	(697.00)	1,255.00	850.00	1,511.00	(36.00)	1,219.00
906 IPS Family Project	(40.00)	40.00	0.00	0.00	(40.00)	
Total Fund 250	<u>(1,910.53)</u>	<u>5,557.41</u>	<u>6,040.38</u>	<u>3,872.23</u>	<u>(4,078.68)</u>	
Fund 260 - School Gifts						
261 Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
406 Komitee for Kids	(319.03)	0.00	0.00	319.03	0.00	
407 Friends of Doyon	(980.67)	3,556.67	5,799.00	3,262.51	(3,517.16)	39.51
408 Friends of Winthrop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
409 Misc Doyon Gifts	0.00	0.00	2,266.68	2,266.68	0.00	
412 TQM	(6,077.60)	4,477.60	20,500.00	22,263.00	(4,314.60)	163.00
415 Manning Fund	(67.30)	50.45	6,137.85	6,154.70	(50.45)	
417 Misc Winthrop Gifts	(1,000.00)	1,561.02	3,500.00	2,938.98	(1,561.02)	
421 Misc High School Gifts	0.00	0.00	176.50	176.50	0.00	
422 US West	0.00	7,467.00	8,000.00	5,391.61	(2,608.39)	4,858.61
423 NYNEX Gift	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	(9,000.00)	
430 Misc School Gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
909 Soffron	(2,765.00)	2,765.00	0.00	0.00	(2,765.00)	
Total Fund 260	<u>(11,209.60)</u>	<u>28,877.74</u>	<u>55,380.04</u>	<u>42,773.02</u>	<u>(23,816.62)</u>	
Total Grants and Gifts	<u>(176,445.61)</u>	<u>352,873.01</u>	<u>962,486.39</u>	<u>827,261.68</u>	<u>(311,670.32)</u>	
Fund 270 - Receipts reserved						
920 Waterways Improvement	(25,252.59)	38,513.23	13,260.64	0.00	(38,513.23)	
921 Wetlands Protection	(12,047.80)	13,478.80	5,162.00	3,731.00	(13,478.80)	
922 Sale of Lots	(49,904.95)	59,704.95	9,800.00	0.00	(59,704.95)	
Total Fund 270	<u>(87,205.34)</u>	<u>111,696.98</u>	<u>28,222.64</u>	<u>3,731.00</u>	<u>(111,696.98)</u>	
Fund 290 - Other Special Revenue						
940 J. Thomas Annuity	(35,584.88)	36,370.33	1,985.93	1,200.48	(36,370.33)	
Fund 610 - Water Chap 41 Sec 69B						
	<u>(274,427.56)</u>	<u>467,928.89</u>	<u>1,350,622.95</u>	<u>1,220,487.46</u>	<u>(404,563.05)</u>	
Grand Total	<u>(1,021,956.44)</u>	<u>1,535,479.47</u>	<u>3,431,453.22</u>	<u>3,077,870.45</u>	<u>(1,375,239.21)</u>	

TOWN IPSWICH
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE
6/30/97

Initial

Date

Prepared by:
Checked by:
Reviewed by:

Account	Balance 7/1/96	REVENUE Federal/State	Bonds	Other	Transfer in	Expenditures	Transfer out	Balance 6/30/97
Fund 300								
322 HS Architect Survey	(20,112.15)	0.00	91,661.00	0.00	0.00	71,548.66	0.00	0.19
323 Library Addition	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	252,087.11	0.00	(252,087.11)(1)
341 Kimball Ave Sewer Extensi	(236,567.66)	0.00	505,000.00	0.00	0.00	268,432.34	0.00	(0.00)
342 Sewer System Repair	(46,358.85)	0.00	31,000.00	0.00	0.00	18,088.90	0.00	(33,447.75)(2)
347 Chapter 90 FY96	(2,244.34)	73,224.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,104.74	0.00	53,875.66
372 Don Bosco	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
373 Open Space	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
374 Miscellaneous	3,393.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,393.49
375 Eagle Hill Easement	17,582.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,312.00	0.00	14,270.16
376 WWTP Modifications	(4,300.00)	0.00	215,024.00	0.00	0.00	210,723.10	0.00	0.90
378 Chapter 90 FY97	0.00	227,799.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	320,579.60	0.00	(92,780.00)
379 Giles Firman Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	19,011.30	0.00	988.70
380 Chapter 204 FY97	0.00	54,840.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54,840.00	0.00	0.00
381 Sand Pebble Drive	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00	0.00
383 HS MS Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275,904.50	0.00	(275,904.50)(3)
Total Fund 300	(248,607.35)	355,864.34	842,685.00	0.00	25,400.00	1,517,032.25	0.00	(541,690.26)
Fund 320								
351 School Building Repair	1,383.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,383.30
355 Chapter 90 FY90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
357 Chapter 90 FY93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
360 Water Meters	8,730.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,730.06
364 Asbestos Removal	1,564.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.25
365 School Renovations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
366 School Athletic Fields	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund 320	11,677.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,677.61
Totals	(236,929.74)	355,864.34	842,685.00	0.00	25,400.00	1,517,032.25	0.00	(530,012.65)

- (1) Ban 2,100,000
(2) Ban 124,000
(3) Ban 1,600,000

TOWN OF IPSWICH
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 1997

8/17/97

Account	Fund Balance 7/1/96	Contributions	Revenue Interest	Other	Transfer In	Expenditures	Transfer Out	Fund Balance 8/30/97
Fund 800 - Expendable Trust Funds								
950 Stabilization	(250,270.91)	0.00	22,387.04	0.00	350,000.00	0.00	0.00	(622,657.95)
951 Municipal Insurance	(8,799.80)	0.00	439.71	0.00	0.00	4,949.76	0.00	(4,289.75)
952 Conservation	(12,808.24)	0.00	727.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(13,535.76)
953 Mark Newman	(3,374.65)	0.00	439.39	0.00	0.00	1,499.00	0.00	(2,315.04)
954 Dow Boulder	(969.62)	0.00	61.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,030.90)
955 William Brown	(481.45)	0.00	55.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(537.06)
956 Martha Savory	(1,545.54)	0.00	116.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,661.68)
957 Appleton Memorial	(6,274.03)	0.00	413.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(6,687.17)
958 John C. Kimball	(143.20)	0.00	36.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(179.88)
959 Mariana Jones	(299.42)	0.00	73.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(373.15)
960 Cemetery Flowers	(2,413.68)	0.00	846.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,260.33)
961 Cemetery Perpetual Care	(33,295.67)	0.00	14,766.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(48,062.12)
962 Crane's Picnic	(8,305.59)	0.00	11,151.23	0.00	0.00	8,845.67	0.00	(10,611.15)
963 Eunice Caldwell Cowles	(569.37)	0.00	600.46	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	(969.83)
964 Harold Brown	(17,546.59)	0.00	1,961.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(19,508.49)
965 J&N Huckins	(769.23)	0.00	730.01	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	(1,099.24)
966 C. Thibault	(363.24)	0.00	1,440.43	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	(803.67)
967 Mary Conley Preservation	(251.71)	0.00	225.86	0.00	0.00	115.00	0.00	(362.57)
968 High School Scholarship #1	(2,924.16)	0.00	2,401.35	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	(3,825.51)
969 Pecosolido	(2,841.46)	0.00	5,581.56	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	(4,723.02)
Total	(354,247.56)	0.00	64,756.14	0.00	350,000.00	22,509.43	0.00	(746,494.27)

TOWN OF IPSWICH
TRUST FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 1997

8/17/97

Account	Fund Balance 7/1/96	Contributions	Revenue Interest	Other	Transfer In	Expenditures	Transfer Out	Fund Balance 8/30/97
Fund 820 - Non-Expendable Trust Funds								
950 Stabilization	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
951 Municipal Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
952 Conservation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
953 Mark Newman	(5,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(5,000.00)
954 Dow Boulder	(106.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(106.00)
955 William Brown	(500.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(500.00)
956 Martha Savory	(500.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(500.00)
957 Appleton Memorial	(1,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,000.00)
958 John C. Kimball	(500.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(500.00)
959 Mariana Jones	(1,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,000.00)
960 Cemetery Flowers	(14,779.71)	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(15,359.71)
961 Cemetery Perpetual Care	(223,793.98)	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(228,793.98)
962 Crane's Picnic	(191,777.34)	0.00	0.00	4,977.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	(196,755.06)
963 Eunice Caldwell Cowles	(10,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(10,000.00)
964 Harold Brown	(16,982.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(16,982.00)
965 J&N Huckins	(12,079.65)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(12,079.65)
966 C. Thibault	(25,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(25,000.00)
967 Mary Conley Preservation	(3,745.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,745.00)
969 Pescosolido	(100,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(100,000.00)
968 High School Scholarship #1	(40,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(40,000.00)
Total Non-Expendable	(646,763.68)	6,580.00	0.00	4,977.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	(658,321.40)
Total Expendable	(354,247.56)							(746,494.27)
Grand Total	(1,001,011.24)							(1,404,815.67)

TOWN OF IPSWICH
YTD Revenue Summary
Fiscal Year: 1997

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Account Description	Estimated Revenue	Credits	Debits	Remaining
100 General Fund				
001 Municipal				
41103 Personal Property - 1993	.00	315.50	157.75	-157.75
41104 Personal Property - 1994	.00	330.75	.00	-330.75
41106 Personal Property - 1996	.00	9,428.33	1,595.38	-7,832.95
41107 Personal Property - 1997	.00	162,715.32	.00	-162,715.32
41201 Real Estate Tax - 1991	.00	1,987.39	.00	-1,987.39
41202 Real Estate Tax - 1992	.00	812.98	.00	-812.98
41203 Real Estate Tax - 1993	.00	1,806.10	2,512.64	706.54
41204 Real Estate Tax - 1994	.00	1,922.41	4,413.39	2,490.98
41205 Real Estate Tax - 1995	.00	3,179.62	1,957.53	-1,222.09
41206 Real Estate Tax - 1996	.00	4,930.63	2,895.46	-2,035.17
41207 Real Estate Tax - 1997	.00	12,746,030.67	107,574.05	-12,638,456.62
41350 Tax Liens Redeemed	.00	115,020.42	.00	-115,020.42
41450 Tax Foreclosure Fee	.00	1,131.00	.00	-1,131.00
41501 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1991	.00	339.38	.00	-339.38
41502 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1992	.00	183.96	.00	-183.96
41503 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1993	.00	503.32	.00	-503.32
41504 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1994	.00	2,128.96	.00	-2,128.96
41505 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1995	.00	11,313.93	264.40	-11,049.53
41506 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1996	.00	250,196.32	9,393.30	-240,803.02
41507 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1997	.00	792,679.06	4,614.50	-788,064.56
41508 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1998	.00	514.81	5.18	-509.63
41509 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1989	.00	724.16	130.00	-594.16
41510 Motor Vehicle Excise - 1990	.00	403.55	.00	-403.55
41606 Boat Excise Tax - 1996	.00	201.74	283.24	81.50
41607 Boat Excise Tax - 1997	.00	23,697.30	12,159.12	-11,538.18
41701 Interest-Property Tax	.00	26,487.94	265.24	-26,222.70
41703 Interest-Motor Vehicle	.00	5,242.35	62.73	-5,179.62
41704 Interest-Boat Excise	.00	18.74	.74	-18.00
41706 Interest-Tax Liens	.00	28,956.97	.00	-28,956.97
41770 Demand Fees	.00	12,081.59	600.00	-11,481.59
41771 Warrant Fee	.00	4,189.99	.00	-4,189.99
41780 Redemption Fee-Tax Liens	.00	520.00	.00	-520.00
41790 Lien Certificates	.00	15,850.00	.00	-15,850.00
41801 Paymt in Lieu-Housing Auth	.00	2,223.36	.00	-2,223.36
41802 Paymt in Lieu-Trustees	.00	53,997.00	.00	-53,997.00
41803 Paymt in Lieu-ELD	.00	211,434.33	.00	-211,434.33
41804 Proforma Taxes	.00	5,025.00	.00	-5,025.00
41850 Registry Release Fees	.00	19,682.50	20.00	-19,662.50
41860 Betterment Discharge	.00	150.00	.00	-150.00
43026 Bad Check Fees	.00	428.56	.00	-428.56
44008 Phone Commission	.00	6.34	.00	-6.34
44021 Court Rental	.00	10,995.96	.00	-10,995.96
44022 Veteran's Office Rental	.00	4,000.00	.00	-4,000.00
44023 Memorial Building Rental	.00	260.00	.00	-260.00
44600 Other Revenue	.00	8.00	.00	-8.00
44601 General Fund - Misc Revenue	.00	72,823.59	29,144.21	-43,679.38
44651 Registry Surcharge - MVX	.00	1,585.00	.00	-1,585.00
44652 Sch Reimb - School Choice	.00	104,267.00	.00	-104,267.00

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Fiscal Year: 1997

Account Description	Estimated Revenue	Credits	Debits	Remaining
44701 C/S State-Owned Land	.00	160,704.00	.00	-160,704.00
44702 C/S Vets, Blind, Sur Spouse	.00	438.00	.00	-438.00
44703 C/S Elderly Exemption	.00	17,570.00	.00	-17,570.00
44704 C/S Chapter 70	.00	1,141,809.00	170,270.00	-971,539.00
44705 C/S Transportation Pupils	.00	122,311.00	.00	-122,311.00
44706 C/S School Construction	.00	123,998.00	.00	-123,998.00
44707 C/S Police Incentive	.00	61,935.00	.00	-61,935.00
44708 C/S Veterans Benefits	.00	28,023.57	.00	-28,023.57
44709 C/S Additional Assistance	.00	975,780.00	.00	-975,780.00
44710 C/S Lottery	.00	586,918.00	.00	-586,918.00
44711 C/S Highway Chap 81	.00	105,953.00	.00	-105,953.00
46007 Sewer Assessment-1997	.00	5,437.60	.00	-5,437.60
46107 Water Assessment - 1987	.00	19.40	.00	-19.40
46207 Street Assessment - 1987	.00	80.99	.00	-80.99
46307 Committed Interest - 1997	.00	2,966.24	.00	-2,966.24
46400 Sewer Assment Paid In Advance	.00	423.28	.00	-423.28
46430 Interest Paid In Advance	.00	6.36	.00	-6.36
Total 001 Municipal	.00	18,147,105.27	348,318.86	-17,798,786.41
003 Selectmen				
44471 CATV Franchise Fee	.00	76,942.50	75,000.00	-1,942.50
Total 003 Selectmen	.00	76,942.50	75,000.00	-1,942.50
029 Assessor				
44001 Photocopies	.00	6,524.50	5,025.00	-1,499.50
Total 029 Assessor	.00	6,524.50	5,025.00	-1,499.50
033 Treasurer/Collector				
43850 Beach Stickers	.00	20,555.00	.00	-20,555.00
43890 Investment Income-General	.00	182,330.45	28,408.56	-153,921.89
43891 Investment Income-School	.00	26,115.84	.00	-26,115.84
43892 Investment Income-Library	.00	35,011.29	.00	-35,011.29
Total 033 Treasurer/Collector	.00	264,012.58	28,408.56	-235,604.02
039 Town Clerk				
43001 Marriage Licenses	.00	1,980.00	.00	-1,980.00
43002 Shellfish License	.00	61,136.50	250.00	-60,886.50
43003 Liquor - All Alcoholic	.00	26,820.00	.00	-26,820.00
43004 Liquor - Beer & Wine	.00	4,725.00	.00	-4,725.00
43005 Liquor - 1 Day (AA)	.00	800.00	.00	-800.00
43006 Liquor - 1 Day (B&W)	.00	60.00	.00	-60.00
43007 Liquor - Seasonal	.00	2,650.00	.00	-2,650.00
43008 Sporting	.00	11,469.60	10,869.50	-600.10
43009 Sunday/Live Entertainment	.00	860.00	.00	-860.00
43012 Common Victualer License	.00	2,000.00	.00	-2,000.00
43013 Auctioneers License	.00	4,050.00	.00	-4,050.00

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Account Description	Estimated Revenue	Credits	Debits	Remaining
43014 Raffle License	.00	175.00	.00	-175.00
43015 Flammable License	.00	25.00	.00	-25.00
43016 Auto/Amusement License	.00	1,400.00	.00	-1,400.00
43017 Live Entertainment License	.00	1,300.00	.00	-1,300.00
43018 Auto Class I, II License	.00	1,900.00	.00	-1,900.00
43020 Bowling Alley License	.00	80.00	.00	-80.00
43022 Antique License	.00	25.00	.00	-25.00
43023 Taxi License	.00	160.00	.00	-160.00
43024 Fines/Non-Criminal	.00	3,390.00	.00	-3,390.00
43025 Miscellaneous Fees	.00	1,391.38	.00	-1,391.38
43030 Dog Licenses	.00	20,175.00	.00	-20,175.00
44001 Photocopies	.00	4,822.40	.00	-4,822.40
44002 Sale of Books	.00	3,161.50	.00	-3,161.50
44303 Record Filing Fee	.00	4,457.00	.00	-4,457.00
Total 039 Town Clerk	.00	159,013.38	11,119.50	-147,893.88
063 Planning Board				
44401 Subdivision Filing Fee	.00	13,900.00	.00	-13,900.00
44402 Special Permit Fee	.00	800.00	.00	-800.00
44403 Site Plan Review Fee	.00	200.00	.00	-200.00
44405 Form A Fee	.00	1,550.00	.00	-1,550.00
Total 063 Planning Board	.00	16,450.00	.00	-16,450.00
101 Police				
41851 Registry - CMVI	.00	6,975.00	.00	-6,975.00
43021 Hawker/Peddler License	.00	10.00	.00	-10.00
43401 Police - Photos	.00	610.00	.00	-610.00
43402 Firearms ID	.00	106.00	.00	-106.00
43403 Pistol Permit	.00	1,600.00	.00	-1,600.00
43404 Ammo/Gun Sale	.00	186.00	.00	-186.00
43409 Bicycle Registration	.00	15.00	.00	-15.00
43901 Court Fines	.00	5,522.50	.00	-5,522.50
43902 Parking Fines	.00	10,180.00	15.00	-10,165.00
43904 Restitution	.00	268.75	.00	-268.75
44001 Photocopies	.00	1,568.00	.00	-1,568.00
44306 Police Detail Admin	.00	12,271.23	.00	-12,271.23
Total 101 Police	.00	39,312.48	15.00	-39,297.48
102 Harbormaster				
43406 Mooring Permit	.00	24,873.25	.00	-24,873.25
44308 Launching Fee	.00	12,620.00	.00	-12,620.00
Total 102 Harbormaster	.00	37,493.25	.00	-37,493.25

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Account Description	Estimated Revenue	Credits	Debits	Remaining
103 Fire				
43600 Fire Permits & Other	.00	2,230.00	.00	-2,230.00
43601 Burner Permit	.00	1,010.00	.00	-1,010.00
43602 Flammables Permit	.00	10.00	.00	-10.00
43603 Smoke Detector Inspection	.00	2,890.00	.00	-2,890.00
43604 Fire - Other	.00	263.00	.00	-263.00
44307 Fire Detail Admin Fee	.00	396.45	.00	-396.45
Total 103 Fire	.00	6,799.45	.00	-6,799.45
112 Shellfish				
44652 Confiscated Clams	.00	52.20	.00	-52.20
Total 112 Shellfish	.00	52.20	.00	-52.20
116 Animal Control				
44005 Sale of Dogs	.00	100.00	.00	-100.00
44304 Animal Boarding Fee	.00	280.00	.00	-280.00
44305 Animal Pick-up Fee	.00	90.00	.00	-90.00
Total 116 Animal Control	.00	470.00	.00	-470.00
236 SPED Office				
45402 Medicaid Reimbursement	.00	14,137.00	.00	-14,137.00
Total 236 SPED Office	.00	14,137.00	.00	-14,137.00
301 Public Works Administration				
44013 Abutters List	.00	50.00	.00	-50.00
Total 301 Public Works Administration	.00	50.00	.00	-50.00
303 Highway				
43510 Street Opening	.00	1,220.00	.00	-1,220.00
Total 303 Highway	.00	1,220.00	.00	-1,220.00
304 Forestry				
42051 Line Clearing	.00	22,685.00	.00	-22,685.00
Total 304 Forestry	.00	22,685.00	.00	-22,685.00
309 Equipment Maintenance				
44011 Use of Scales	.00	170.00	.00	-170.00
Total 309 Equipment Maintenance	.00	170.00	.00	-170.00

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Account Description	Estimated Revenue	Credits	Debits	Remaining
403 Sanitation				
44010 Recycle Bins	.00	200.00	.00	-200.00
Total 403 Sanitation	.00	200.00	.00	-200.00
405 Solid Waste Transfer Station				
44012 Scrap Metal	.00	4,207.20	.00	-4,207.20
Total 405 Solid Waste Transfer Station	.00	4,207.20	.00	-4,207.20
410 Cemetery				
44501 Foundation Fee	.00	3,639.75	.00	-3,639.75
44502 Tent Rentals	.00	2,250.00	.00	-2,250.00
44503 Cremations	.00	2,926.25	.00	-2,926.25
44504 Grave Openings	.00	27,675.00	75.00	-27,600.00
Total 410 Cemetery	.00	36,491.00	75.00	-36,416.00
490 Building Inspector				
43701 New Construction	.00	108,355.00	.00	-108,355.00
43702 Alteration Permit	.00	360.00	.00	-360.00
43703 Demolition Permit	.00	30.00	.00	-30.00
43704 Certificate of Inspection	.00	280.00	.00	-280.00
43705 Occupancy Permit	.00	2,650.00	.00	-2,650.00
43706 Plumbing & Gas Inspection	.00	22,815.00	.00	-22,815.00
43707 Building Inspector Fees	.00	75.00	.00	-75.00
Total 490 Building Inspector	.00	134,565.00	.00	-134,565.00
495 Appeals Board				
44461 ZBA Filing Fee	.00	5,550.00	.00	-5,550.00
Total 495 Appeals Board	.00	5,550.00	.00	-5,550.00
501 Health				
43301 Disposal Permit	.00	3,960.00	.00	-3,960.00
43302 Septage Hauler	.00	500.00	.00	-500.00
43303 Food Service	.00	1,385.00	.00	-1,385.00
43305 Installers License	.00	2,250.00	.00	-2,250.00
43306 Other Health License	.00	950.00	.00	-950.00
44301 Weights and Measures Fee	.00	470.00	60.00	-410.00
44302 Perc Test Fees	.00	19,300.00	.00	-19,300.00
Total 501 Health	.00	28,815.00	60.00	-28,755.00
520 Recreation				
44201 Swim Lessons	.00	3,420.00	.00	-3,420.00
44202 Senior Buistrips	.00	1,540.00	.00	-1,540.00

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Account Description	Estimated Revenue	Credits	Debits	Remaining
Total 520 Recreation	.00	4,960.00	.00	-4,960.00
621 Library				
43903 Library Fines	.00	1,832.35	.00	-1,832.35
44001 Photocopies	.00	120.83	.00	-120.83
44007 Lost Books Receipts	.00	929.39	.00	-929.39
Total 621 Library	.00	2,882.57	.00	-2,882.57
900 Other Miscellaneous				
49520 Transfer From Special Revenue	.00	198,764.81	104,267.00	-94,497.81
Total 900 Other Miscellaneous	.00	198,764.81	104,267.00	-94,497.81
Total 100 General Fund	.00	19,208,873.19	572,288.92	-18,636,584.27
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	.00	19,208,873.19	572,288.92	-18,636,584.27

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
100 General Fund					
003 Selectmen					
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00	.00	.00	4,000.00	.00
Expenses	6,280.00	.00	.00	6,278.38	1.62
Total 003 Selectmen	10,280.00	.00	.00	10,278.38	1.62
005 Town Manager					
Salaries and Wages	104,708.00	.00	.00	104,708.00	.00
Expenses	11,312.75	.00	.00	10,949.92	362.83
Capital Outlay	19,095.00	.00	.00	18,993.65	101.35
Consultants	25,000.00	.00	.00	15,374.64	9,625.36
Total 005 Town Manager	160,115.75	.00	.00	150,026.21	10,089.54
007 Legal					
Expenses	39,000.00	.00	.00	28,176.59	10,823.41
Litigation	21,000.00	.00	.00	23,524.10	-2,524.10
Total 007 Legal	60,000.00	.00	.00	51,700.69	8,299.31
009 Moderator					
Salaries and Wages	100.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
Total 009 Moderator	100.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
011 Finance Committee					
Salaries and Wages	1,500.00	.00	.00	1,430.73	69.27
Expenses	8,675.00	.00	.00	6,986.31	1,688.69
Total 011 Finance Committee	10,175.00	.00	.00	8,417.04	1,757.96
013 Reserve Fund					
Reserve Fund	25,440.70	.00	.00	.00	25,440.70
Total 013 Reserve Fund	25,440.70	.00	.00	.00	25,440.70
015 Election & Registration					
Salaries and Wages	16,871.38	.00	.00	15,823.31	1,048.07
Expenses	11,688.17	.00	1,650.00	9,966.47	71.70
Capital Outlay	3,360.00	.00	.00	3,360.00	.00
Total 015 Election & Registration	31,919.55	.00	1,650.00	29,149.78	1,119.77
025 Accounting					
Salaries and Wages	111,033.40	.00	.00	110,961.13	72.27
Expenses	47,334.14	.00	200.00	42,602.98	4,531.16
Capital Outlay	35,960.00	.00	.00	35,844.88	115.12

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Total 025 Accounting	194,327.54	.00	200.00	189,408.99	4,718.55
026 Management Information Systems					
Salaries and Wages	14,901.33	.00	.00	14,901.33	.00
Expenses	11,200.00	.00	.00	10,713.06	486.94
Total 026 Management Information Systems	26,101.33	.00	.00	25,614.39	486.94
029 Assessor					
Salaries and Wages	117,732.30	.00	.00	117,729.45	2.85
Expenses	14,277.60	.00	3,557.89	10,719.71	.00
Total 029 Assessor	132,009.90	.00	3,557.89	128,449.16	2.85
033 Treasurer/Collector					
Salaries and Wages	104,353.00	.00	.00	96,794.68	7,558.32
Expenses	25,819.00	.00	3,028.30	21,461.11	1,329.59
Total 033 Treasurer/Collector	130,172.00	.00	3,028.30	118,255.79	8,887.91
035 Purchasing/Budget					
Salaries and Wages	29,204.23	.00	.00	29,204.23	.00
Expenses	6,472.56	.00	.00	6,472.56	.00
Capital Outlay	800.00	.00	.00	800.00	.00
Total 035 Purchasing/Budget	36,476.79	.00	.00	36,476.79	.00
039 Town Clerk					
Salaries and Wages	60,404.50	.00	.00	60,387.00	17.50
Expenses	4,109.70	.00	.00	4,104.95	4.75
Capital Outlay	4,000.00	.00	.00	4,000.00	.00
Total 039 Town Clerk	68,514.20	.00	.00	68,491.95	22.25
063 Planning Board					
Salaries and Wages	72,071.00	.00	.00	71,790.30	280.70
Expenses	6,781.00	.00	.00	5,134.81	1,646.19
Total 063 Planning Board	78,852.00	.00	.00	76,925.11	1,926.89
064 Master Plan Commission					
Salaries and Wages	1,000.00	.00	.00	132.50	867.50
Expenses	10,834.00	.00	.00	10,368.00	466.00
Total 064 Master Plan Commission	11,834.00	.00	.00	10,500.50	1,333.50
065 Historical Commission					
Salaries and Wages	268.00	.00	.00	.00	268.00
Expenses	2,640.00	.00	.00	1,965.94	674.06

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Capital Outlay	4,200.00	.00	.00	4,197.40	2.60
Total 065 Historical Commission	7,108.00	.00	.00	6,163.34	944.66
066 Conservation Commission					
Salaries and Wages	16,908.00	.00	.00	16,851.32	56.68
Expenses	1,768.00	.00	.00	1,709.02	58.98
Total 066 Conservation Commission	18,676.00	.00	.00	18,560.34	115.66
071 Benefits					
Salaries and Wages	753,600.00	.00	.00	740,718.85	12,881.15
Total 071 Benefits	753,600.00	.00	.00	740,718.85	12,881.15
081 Insurance					
Expenses	131,255.00	.00	4,000.00	108,889.16	18,365.84
Total 081 Insurance	131,255.00	.00	4,000.00	108,889.16	18,365.84
091 Miscellaneous Expenses					
Salaries and Wages	7,500.00	.00	1,833.00	1,200.00	4,467.00
Expenses	381.60	.00	.00	.00	381.60
Capital Outlay	83,700.00	.00	2,221.05	80,380.73	1,098.22
	30,000.00	.00	8,122.50	19,366.51	2,510.99
Total 091 Miscellaneous Expenses	121,581.60	.00	12,176.55	100,947.24	8,457.81
101 Police					
Salaries and Wages	1,186,100.00	.00	.00	1,172,278.84	13,821.16
Expenses	224,830.00	.00	4,029.22	218,854.68	1,946.10
Capital Outlay	69,547.00	.00	895.00	68,210.79	441.21
Total 101 Police	1,480,477.00	.00	4,924.22	1,459,344.31	16,208.47
102 Harbormaster					
Salaries and Wages	4,872.00	.00	.00	4,843.82	28.18
Expenses	8,810.00	.00	1,681.23	6,184.84	943.93
Capital Outlay	7,380.00	.00	.00	6,963.20	416.80
Total 102 Harbormaster	21,062.00	.00	1,681.23	17,991.86	1,388.91
103 Fire					
Salaries and Wages	871,462.00	.00	.00	854,150.19	17,311.81
Expenses	92,944.47	.00	387.15	92,557.32	.00
Capital Outlay	103,531.00	.00	.00	103,778.53	1,752.47
Total 103 Fire	1,067,937.47	.00	387.15	1,050,486.04	19,064.28

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
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112 Shellfish					
Salaries and Wages	35,944.00	.00	.00	35,593.89	350.11
Expenses	4,245.00	.00	298.14	3,854.37	92.49
Total 112 Shellfish	40,189.00	.00	298.14	39,448.26	442.60
114 Emergency Management					
Salaries and Wages	3,200.00	.00	.00	3,200.00	.00
Expenses	2,840.00	.00	8.00	2,708.01	123.99
Total 114 Emergency Management	6,040.00	.00	8.00	5,908.01	123.99
116 Animal Control					
Salaries and Wages	30,038.00	.00	.00	29,024.50	1,013.50
Expenses	7,500.00	.00	131.32	6,749.13	619.55
Capital Outlay	14,750.00	.00	.00	14,546.00	204.00
Total 116 Animal Control	52,288.00	.00	131.32	50,319.63	1,837.05
301 Public Works Administration					
Salaries and Wages	76,729.80	.00	.00	76,729.80	.00
Expenses	3,358.70	.00	.00	3,358.70	.00
Total 301 Public Works Administration	80,088.50	.00	.00	80,088.50	.00
303 Highway					
Salaries and Wages	256,977.00	.00	.00	244,182.36	12,794.64
Expenses	167,420.00	.00	14,667.84	133,312.97	19,439.19
Capital Outlay	160,875.00	.00	.00	159,267.60	1,607.40
Road Treatment	323,331.00	.00	.00	314,857.14	8,473.86
Miscellaneous	7,152.00	.00	.00	3,112.69	4,039.31
Total 303 Highway	915,755.00	.00	14,667.84	854,732.76	46,354.40
304 Forestry					
Salaries and Wages	61,766.00	.00	.00	58,943.37	2,822.63
Expenses	18,724.00	.00	1,096.09	15,373.45	2,254.46
Total 304 Forestry	80,490.00	.00	1,096.09	74,316.82	5,077.09
305 Snow & Ice					
Salaries and Wages	30,000.00	.00	.00	47,328.19	-17,328.19
Expenses	73,323.00	.00	.00	80,496.17	-7,173.17
Miscellaneous	27,000.00	.00	.00	19,480.00	7,520.00
Total 305 Snow & Ice	130,323.00	.00	.00	147,304.36	-16,981.36
309 Equipment Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	36,688.00	.00	.00	36,134.28	553.72
Expenses	49,537.00	.00	.00	46,951.86	2,585.14

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Total 309 Equipment Maintenance	86,225.00	.00	.00	83,086.14	3,138.86
403 Sanitation					
Expenses	480,634.00	.00	.00	480,634.00	.00
Total 403 Sanitation	480,634.00	.00	.00	480,634.00	.00
405 Solid Waste Transfer Station					
Salaries and Wages	33,570.00	.00	.00	30,393.03	3,176.97
Expenses	8,516.00	.00	.00	6,454.20	2,061.80
Total 405 Solid Waste Transfer Station	42,086.00	.00	.00	36,847.23	5,238.77
407 Town Hall Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	28,015.00	.00	.00	26,691.26	1,323.74
Expenses	33,028.81	.00	.00	33,028.81	.00
Capital Outlay	7,240.00	.00	.00	2,480.00	4,760.00
Total 407 Town Hall Maintenance	68,283.81	.00	.00	62,200.07	6,083.74
410 Cemetery					
Salaries and Wages	233,924.00	.00	.00	223,180.06	10,743.94
Expenses	39,037.51	.00	812.93	37,024.58	1,200.00
Capital Outlay	15,500.00	.00	.00	15,277.75	222.25
Road Treatment	9,000.00	.00	.00	8,465.48	534.52
Total 410 Cemetery	297,461.51	.00	812.93	283,947.87	12,700.71
490 Building Inspector					
Salaries and Wages	67,971.90	.00	.00	67,695.58	276.32
Expenses	5,608.00	.00	23.06	4,154.51	1,430.43
Total 490 Building Inspector	73,579.90	.00	23.06	71,850.09	1,706.75
495 Appeals Board					
Salaries and Wages	5,729.00	.00	.00	5,692.31	36.69
Expenses	1,760.00	.00	.00	1,437.72	322.28
Total 495 Appeals Board	7,489.00	.00	.00	7,130.03	358.97
501 Health					
Salaries and Wages	57,346.44	.00	.00	57,346.44	.00
Expenses	25,633.00	.00	.00	24,267.76	1,365.24
Miscellaneous	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00
Total 501 Health	83,479.44	.00	.00	81,614.20	1,865.24
502 Health - Contract					
Expenses	157,077.00	.00	.00	156,023.37	1,053.63

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Total 502 Health - Contract	157,077.00	.00	.00	156,023.37	1,053.63
520 Recreation					
Salaries and Wages	78,411.00	.00	.00	74,702.96	3,708.04
Expenses	19,847.00	.00	25.76	17,980.33	1,840.91
Capital Outlay	1,450.00	.00	.00	1,439.99	10.01
Total 520 Recreation	99,708.00	.00	25.76	94,123.28	5,558.96
531 Council on Aging					
Salaries and Wages	37,720.00	.00	.00	35,876.43	1,843.57
Expenses	20,885.72	.00	.00	20,885.72	.00
Total 531 Council on Aging	58,605.72	.00	.00	56,762.15	1,843.57
551 Veteran's Services					
Expenses	45,000.00	.00	.00	11,807.46	33,192.54
Total 551 Veteran's Services	45,000.00	.00	.00	11,807.46	33,192.54
621 Library					
Salaries and Wages	218,006.00	.00	.00	217,820.37	185.63
Expenses	96,076.29	.00	.00	96,076.29	.00
Capital Outlay	3,800.00	.00	.00	3,663.00	137.00
Total 621 Library	317,882.29	.00	.00	317,559.66	322.63
701 Principal & Interest Pymt					
Expenses	10,000.00	.00	.00	-2,540.42	12,540.42
Total 701 Principal & Interest Pymt	10,000.00	.00	.00	-2,540.42	12,540.42
810 Assessments					
Expenses	255,419.95	.00	.00	264,505.64	-9,085.69
Total 810 Assessments	255,419.95	.00	.00	264,505.64	-9,085.69
900 Other Miscellaneous					
Expenses	5,842.92	.00	.00	5,230.12	612.80
Total 900 Other Miscellaneous	5,842.92	.00	.00	5,230.12	612.80
950 Other Financing Uses					
	390,126.00	.00	.00	390,126.00	.00
Total 950 Other Financing Uses	390,126.00	.00	.00	390,126.00	.00

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Total 100 General Fund	8,364,089.87	.00	48,668.48	8,059,921.15	255,500.24
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	8,364,089.87	.00	48,668.48	8,059,921.15	255,500.24

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
600 Sewer Fund - CY					
650 Waste Water Treatment Plant					
Salaries and Wages	228,075.00	.00	.00	227,378.92	716.08
Expenses	341,049.00	.00	815.05	326,357.14	13,876.81
Capital Outlay	44,000.00	.00	.00	42,619.33	1,380.67
Total 650 Waste Water Treatment Plant	613,144.00	.00	815.05	596,355.39	15,973.56
Total 600 Sewer Fund - CY	613,144.00	.00	815.05	596,355.39	15,973.56
**** GRAND TOTAL ****	613,144.00	.00	815.05	596,355.39	15,973.56

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Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
610 Water Fund - Distribution CY					
655 Water Operation & Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	271,364.00	.00	.00	270,463.57	900.43
Expenses	154,790.00	.00	409.35	166,029.12	-11,648.47
Road Treatment	3,300.00	.00	.00	4,776.00	-1,476.00
Total 655 Water Operation & Maintenance	429,454.00	.00	409.35	441,268.69	-12,224.04
656 Water Plant & Investment					
Capital Outlay	95,000.00	.00	.00	86,144.99	8,855.01
Total 656 Water Plant & Investment	95,000.00	.00	.00	86,144.99	8,855.01
657 Water Treatment Plant					
Salaries and Wages	178,278.00	.00	.00	177,438.91	839.09
Expenses	486,068.00	.00	1,972.20	487,432.65	-3,336.85
Capital Outlay	26,700.00	.00	95.90	25,985.31	618.79
Total 657 Water Treatment Plant	691,046.00	.00	2,068.10	690,856.87	-1,878.97
Total 610 Water Fund - Distribution CY	1,215,500.00	.00	2,477.45	1,218,270.55	-5,248.00
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	1,215,500.00	.00	2,477.45	1,218,270.55	-5,248.00

TOWN OF IPSWICH
YTD Expenditure Summary
Fiscal Year: 1997

Account Description	Appropriations	Pre-encumbrance	Encumbrance	Expenditures	Remaining Balance
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
100 General Fund					
2 DOYON SCHOOL					
Salaries and Wages	1,724,083.00	.00	32,555.04	1,678,888.66	12,639.30
Expenses	251,341.00	.00	631.00	280,270.19	-29,560.19
Total 2 DOYON SCHOOL	1,975,424.00	.00	33,186.04	1,959,158.85	-16,920.89
3 WINTHROP SCHOOL					
Salaries and Wages	1,689,734.00	.00	28,553.44	1,689,769.20	-28,588.64
Expenses	316,762.00	.00	1,535.89	272,541.38	42,684.73
Total 3 WINTHROP SCHOOL	2,006,496.00	.00	30,089.33	1,962,310.58	14,096.09
4 MIDDLE SCHOOL					
Salaries and Wages	1,678,699.00	.00	28,275.76	1,634,004.16	16,419.08
Expenses	332,180.00	.00	2,966.29	334,015.29	-4,801.58
Total 4 MIDDLE SCHOOL	2,010,879.00	.00	31,242.05	1,968,019.45	11,617.50
5 HIGH SCHOOL					
Salaries and Wages	2,193,261.00	.00	8,563.56	2,132,742.19	51,955.25
Expenses	495,965.00	.00	23,228.79	514,414.90	-41,678.69
Total 5 HIGH SCHOOL	2,689,226.00	.00	31,792.35	2,647,157.09	10,276.56
9 ALL DISTRICT					
Salaries and Wages	1,412,084.00	.00	3,334.28	1,295,363.51	113,386.21
Expenses	851,795.00	.00	43,617.54	864,526.92	-56,349.46
Total 9 ALL DISTRICT	2,263,879.00	.00	46,951.82	2,159,890.43	57,036.75
Total 100 General Fund	10,945,904.00	.00	173,261.59	10,696,536.40	76,106.01
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10,945,904.00	.00	173,261.59	10,696,536.40	76,106.01	
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***** GRAND TOTAL *****

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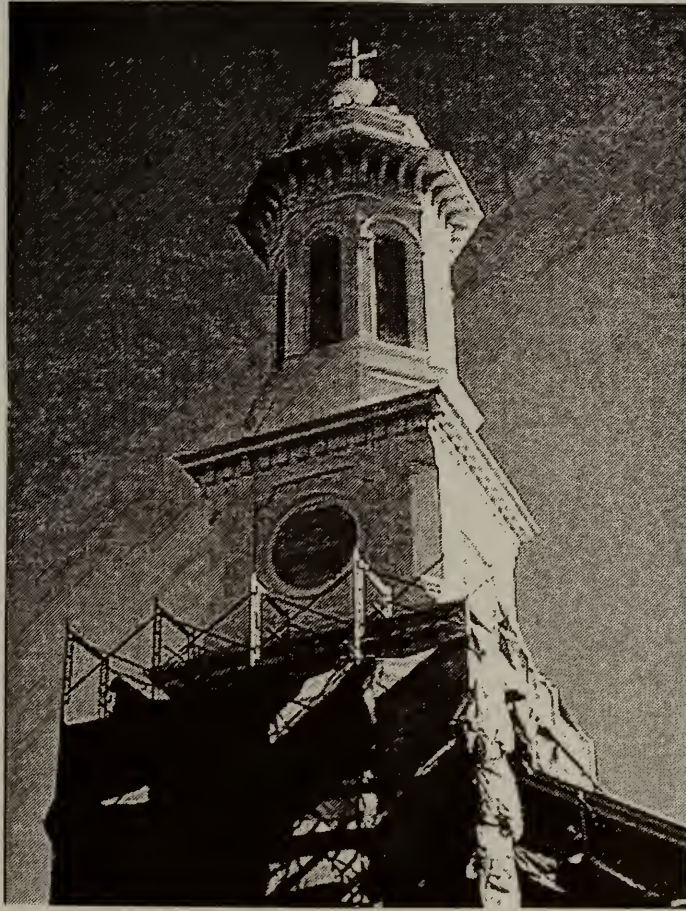
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The steeple atop the Methodist Church was put back after being gone for many years. The steeple houses the old bell and new cellular phone equipment for Bell Atlantic and now makes the Town seal complete again.



THE TOWN OF IPSWICH AT YOUR SERVICE
A handy Check-List of Often-Used Town Services

Administration		Mosquito Control	
Town Manager.....	356-6609	Essex County Office.....	474-4640
Accounting		Parking Clerk	
Finance Director.....	356-6601	Office-Monday.....	356-6611
Ambulance		Other.....	352-8035
Business.....	356-9800	Planning & Development	
Emergency.....	911	Town Planner.....	356-6607
Assessments		Planning Board.....	356-6607
Assessors.....	356-6603	Ipswich Partnership.....	356-6161
Building & Health		Conservation.....	356-6661
Building Inspector.....	356-6605	Police Department	
Code Enforcement.....	356-6605	Animal Control.....	356-4343
Gas Inspector.....	356-0523	Business.....	356-4343
Health Agent.....	356-6605	Emergency.....	911
Plumbing Inspector.....	356-0523	Harbormaster.....	356-4343
Business Association.....	356-4400	Shellfish Dept.....	356-4343
Cable Emergency Center.....	356-4366	Post Office.....	356-3050
Cable TV.....	356-3666	Public Works Department	
Cemetery & Parks Dept.		Office.....	356-6612
Office.....	356-6643	Recycling.....	356-6612
Chamber of Commerce.....	356-3231	Transfer Station.....	356-6653
Civil Defense		Trash Collection.....	356-6612
Emergency Management.....	356-6645	Purchasing	
Conservation Commission.....	356-6661	Ass't Purchasing Agent...	356-6608
Council on Aging.....	356-6650	Recreation Department	
Court		Office.....	356-6644
Third District Court.....	356-2681	Registry of Motor Vehicles....	762-0025
Probation.....	356-0333	School Department	
Crane Beach		Administration.....	356-2935
Gate.....	356-4354	High School	
Castle Hill.....	356-4351	Connecting all Depts.....	356-3137
Dog Officer		Doyon School.....	356-5506
Dog Pound.....	356-6652	High School.....	356-3137
Animal Control Officer...	356-4343	Middle School.....	356-3535
Electric Department		Winthrop School.....	356-2976
Office.....	356-6635	Selectmen	
Fire Department		Office.....	356-6604
Business.....	356-4321	Sewer Treatment Plant.....	356-6642
Emergency.....	911	Tax Collector	
Fire Prevention.....	356-6631	Office.....	356-6610
Harbormaster.....	356-4343	Town Clerk	
Health Department		Office.....	356-6600
Health Agent.....	356-6605	General Licenses.....	356-6600
Historical Society		Treasurer/Collector	
Curator-Whipple House....	356-2811	Office.....	356-6610
Curator-Heard House.....	356-2641	Veteran's Services	
Housing Authority		Veteran's Agent.....	356-3915
Office.....	356-2860	Water Department	
Ipswich Chronicle.....	356-5141	Office.....	356-6637
Library.....	356-6648	Water Treatment Plant.....	356-6639